

SHEIK CASE HEROINE DANCES WITH YOUTH

It's a far cry, as the saying goes, from a Cape Girardeau court room, where a stern judge is presiding at a trial of a case charging attempt to commit criminal assault, to a Jackson ball room, where Peg Meyer's Melody Kings are grinding out airs that make rheumatic feet feel like tripping the light fantastic. It's some leap from a witness stand in this same courtroom, where attorneys wring from witnesses denunciations and sensational charges and admissions, to the brightly lighted scene of terpsichorean pleasures. It sure is, And yet—

On Friday such a thing was witnessed by eyes that at first refused to believe what they saw and then, convinced, had to admit, "Well, I'll be darned."

It was none other than Gladys Mills, heroine of the recent "sheik" escapade in Cape Girardeau—the girl who leaped from an automobile to escape the attentions of two Charleston and two Jackson boys and called the police, bringing about the arrest of the youths and their subsequent trial in both city and state courts—who occupied the witness stand in court and said things that made the four accused young men writhe and turn red. What Gladys said, in telling her story, was enough to make it easy for the audience to identify the four youths she was talking about, even though they were mingling with many others near their age in the court room. What she said would have made a cigar store Indian hang his wooden head and blush.

The crowd in the court room saw Haliborn Halley of Jackson cringe as if he had been prodded under the second rib with a hat pin.

But that was Friday morning.

Friday evening is another story.

The scene is changed to the ball room at Jackson. The Melody Kings were hooping it up in the most approved style. Out on the floor glided a couple. A plump girl, cheeks rosy, eyes sparkling—looking as if she didn't have a care or an enemy in the world and as if she never had a court room—there was Gladys Mills, the same Gladys. But she wasn't telling the court about Haliborn Halley this time. She was dancing with him.

And they made a good looking couple on the floor, as the other dancers quickly observed.—Cape Missourian.

MAN WHO KILLED COTTON BUYER REMOVED FOR SAFETY

Charleston, Mo., February 18.—The inquest in the case of J. J. Snipes, cotton buyer, shot and killed early Friday by George Beck, was held yesterday. Mrs. L. T. Joseph, the only eyewitness to the shooting other than Beck and his wife, testified that Beck called at her home and compelled her to go to his house at the point of a pistol, after severely beating her and threatening to kill her and his wife if they did not state that Snipes had Mrs. Beck out riding the night of the murder.

She also said he compelled Mrs. Beck to say she had had misconducted herself with Snipes. He then compelled both women, she testified, to go with him to the Snipes' home and knock on the door, awakening Snipes, who opened the door.

Mrs. Joseph told Snipes to go back and put on his coat, and as he turned to go upstairs, she said, Beck fired three shots. Mrs. Joseph testified that Beck was peddling whisky and that Snipes owed him for whisky.

Testimony of other witnesses accounted for Snipes being in the business section of town from 8:30 to 11 p. m. Thursday and his arrival at home a short time after 11 p. m.

The jury's verdict was that J. J. Snipes met his death from a gunshot wound through the body from the back, fired by Beck. "That the killing was a felony and unjustified," and recommended that Beck be held with out bond.

While the inquest was in progress Beck was taken to the Scott County jail at Benton, in order to avoid possible violence here.

M. C. Culp and H. M. Beckworth of Cairo, spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

E. J. Deal, R. B. Oliver, A. L. Hardy and Allen L. Oliver of Cape Girardeau and J. B. Stubblefield of Malden, attended the sale of A. J. Matthews & Co., here Tuesday.

COST OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO BE BUILT BY BOND ISSUE

Amount of the bond issue for sewers is \$100,000.

Cost to the individual will be three mills for each \$1.00 valuation or thirty cents for each \$100.00 valuation, per year, for a period of 20 years.

The above figures are arrived at, by assuming that the bonds will be 50 per cent, 20 year serial bonds, having an average maturity of about twelve years.

If you have property valued at \$1,000 your cost will be \$3.00 per year for 20 years or \$60 for the whole time.

Laterals to the main sewers to be built by tax bills: Total amount of the laterals \$80,000. Cost per square foot of property in the district six and a half mills. There is approximately 400 acres in the district, allowing 300 per cent as non-taxable, such as streets, alleys, etc., we have about 12,000,000 square feet taxable property, to pay \$80,000, which gives us .0065 per sq. ft.

A 40x150 lot contains 6000 square feet, at .0065 is \$39.00, total cost for that lot. This may be paid in cash or in ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR or FIVE years.

Total cost:
Cost under bond issue to man who has property valued at \$1000\$60.00
Cost under district for a 40x150 lot 39.00

Total\$99.00
Average cost per year for 20 years\$4.95

Consolidate Aid Released

Jefferson City, Mo., Februar 18.—The Supreme Court in banc released the \$288,000 state aid for the consolidated schools on February 13. This action was taken upon a writ of mandamus filed January 5 by eight consolidated districts upon the advice of State Superintendent Chas. A. Lee.

The money has been withheld due to a typographical error in the appropriation bill making Roman numeral IV read VI. In rendering the decision the court said:

"The fundamental rule to be observed is to ascertain and give effect to the purpose. Under that rule the Court may reject words and figures when necessary to give effect to the manifest intention of the farmers of the statute."

Judge J. C. Lescher is on the sick list this week.

Walter Matthews of Vanduser was a visitor here Wednesday.

Chas. Blanton, Jr., and S. N. Shepherd spent Tuesday afternoon at Benton on business.

Mrs. Mary Aydelotte, who has been the guest of Mrs. Maude Stubbs, left Sunday for Dexter.

Tom Juden of Cape Girardeau, General Agent of Security Life Insurance Co., spent Wednesday in Sikeston.

A. L. Hardesty, President of the Liberty Life Insurance Company, of Cape Girardeau, spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kimes and daughter, Miss Mildred, are in St. Louis for a few days. Miss Mildred went to a specialist for her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews entertained with a 7:00 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sikes, Mrs. Ruth Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews.

Every section of this country feels the need for tax reduction. Regardless of politics we all must eat. Industry which furnishes employment must not be discouraged by tax burdens which curtail expansion and employment of more labor at good wages.

"Standing up for Missouri, giving preference to Missouri-made products is a principle that should become a habit, we are told" comments The Chronicle, published at Clark, Randolph County. "The reason Missourians have not been doing so," continues The Chronicle, "is because the Missouri manufacturers do their advertising in eastern publications and make no effort to cultivate the rich field around their doors. Ask the first forty people you meet to name ten Missouri-made articles and see if five of them can enumerate even one-half that number. This, too, in spite of the fact that in the manufacture of many staple articles, Missouri leads the world."

Fascinating Spring Dress Styles



GLOVES that will be worn. Choose those you want at the following prices:
\$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00

For Afternoon
For Street Wear
For Business

Materials--Crepe Satin, Flat Crepe, Crepe De Chine, Satin, Georgette, Roshanara Crepe Roman.

Styles the Miss or Matron desires to complete her spring wardrobe are in this unusual group of dresses. Straight line frocks, waist line models, flare skirts, slight basques, full skirted dresses and some with panels, ruffles or laces, are included.

The colors one can easily find in the display are cocoa, almond green, gray, harvest shades, navy blue and black, all very new and very popular for spring time.

In All Sizes 14 to 46

THREE SPECIAL GROUPS

\$10.00 \$15.95 \$24.75

Others \$29.75 and up to \$59.75

HOSIERY

IN NEW SHADES

Just the color you want to match your new costume is here at the price you want to pay.

\$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00

Lehman-Foster Clothing Co.

LETTER FROM THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Extension Service To Go Forward With Cotton Experiment Fields

Word has been received at headquarters of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau that the State Agricultural Extension Service is to proceed immediately with the establishment of outlying cotton experiment fields in Southeast Missouri.

At a meeting of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau two weeks ago, the Bureau passed resolutions asking the Governor and President Brooks of the State University, to release \$5,000 of state funds, now held in reserve, for the purpose of establishing this experimental work.

The following letter has just been received by the secretary of the Bureau:

"Unfortunately the Governor left Jefferson City before I was able to present to him the matter of funds which are now being held up. I feel, personally, that the necessity of taking immediate action on the work in cotton is so great that there can be no doubt about his ultimately releasing the funds. I have had a conference with Dean Mumford and we are agreed that under the present circumstances we should go forward at once with the experimental work in your section.

"I think it will not be necessary for you to present the matter in person to me, but I would appreciate having the resolutions presented to the Governor, because the decision we have made to go ahead will necessitate our appearing later before the Governor and justifying our course of action.

Very truly yours
STRATTON D. BROOKS,
Pres. Mo. State University."

If this work goes forward it will mean the establishment of cotton experiment fields in different parts of every county in the District. Different varieties of cotton will be grown on measured plots on various types of soil. Arrangements with farmers in the different communities will be made to carry out the work. Tests will be made with fertilizers. In fact, all phases of seeding, and cultural practices which the Extension Service deems advisable will be tried out. The work will be supervised by cotton specialists. Neighbors will be invited to these plots frequently to inspect the work as it progresses. The cotton grown on each plot will be carefully weighed and handled. When

the first year's work is completed, the results will be published in bulletin form for the use of all farmers in the territory.

This is the first attempt at establishing any complete system of cotton experimental work in Southeast Missouri. The college of Agriculture has maintained an experiment field for cotton in Dunklin county for several years and the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College carried out some valuable experiment work during the past year. But the present plans call for the only extensive work of the kind done in the District. It will be extremely valuable to the farmers of this section.

Christian Church

Lord's Day, February 24, 1924.

Bible School—9:45 a. m.

"On Time" is our motto. 150 present is our aim. Let us not fall below that number. Come with a song upon your lips and a prayer in your heart.

Morning Worship—10:45 a. m. Subject, "The World's Greatest Book."

Christian Endeavor—6:30 p. m. This will be a service that you will enjoy. Come and bring a friend.

Evening Worship—7:30 p. m. Subject: "Starting Life Right."

Close the day right by worshipping God, who has preserved your life throughout the day, has blessed you with blessings without number.

Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is, that loveth me." John 15:21

You are welcome—come.

W. T. WALKER, Minister.

Alvin Taylor is in St. Louis attending the Automobile Show.

There will be no school Friday as it is George Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Ed Albright, who underwent a serious operation at St. Mary's Infirmary at Cairo, recently, is at home and getting along nicely.

Miss Mildred Stubblefield was among the young ladies at Christian College, who received honorable mention for superior work at college.

The Underwood Typewriter speed champion held a speed contest at the High School Wednesday morning. Manager Simpson of the Underwood Typewriter Co., of Memphis, was also present.

Mrs. M. E. Shuffit of Sikeston, Mo., who underwent an eye operation at St. Mary's Infirmary Monday is getting along nicely. Her son, George W. Shuffit accompanied her to Cairo.—Cairo Citizen.

STORY OF MARY GOLD. BY EMILY BLANTON

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Mary Gold. She was the King's daughter. She was very beautiful. The King loved his little daughter so much that he gave her a crown. He said to Mary Gold, "If you lose that crown I gave you, I will turn you into a statue to punish you." "But I won't lose it," said Mary.

One day Mary was playing in a big field where the grass was nearly as high as Mary. She had her crown on her head. Suddenly the crown slipped off of her head. It was gone. What could she do?

She knew she would be a statue. Her heart beat so loud that the King heard her. He came and said, "What is the matter?" Mary Gold said, "I have lost my crown." She cried and cried. There was nothing to do but to be changed into a statue.

The King said, "I am going to change you into a statue." Please don't, cried little Mary. "Yes, I am," said the King, and in a moment Mary Gold was a statue. That night before the King went to bed he was sorry he had changed Mary into a statue because she was so cheerful. He decided he would change her back into a human, so he did and he said, "Mary, if you lost a million dollars, I would never change you into a statue again." So they lived happy ever after.

Mrs. Phronie Nelson spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

Statements are being sent to subscribers whose times have expired giving amount due to March 1, 1924. The management trusts prompt attention will be given same. We shall either collect a good many dollars within the next two weeks or will lose just that many readers.

Next Tuesday, February 26, is special election to pass on the Constitutional Amendments. Some of these probably have merit while some of them have not. It is believed that every one of them will be beaten. One of them is just one step from the Single Tax, another gives control of all schools to a head in Jefferson City. It should be beaten. The Amendment for soldier bonus should pass as it is right that the balance of the World War veterans should be paid a bonus. Not enough money was voted last time. Vote "NO" on all others and you'll make no mistake.

PLATFORM OF McADOO FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Chicago, February 19.—William G. McAdoo, in an address to the conference of his supporters here yesterday, outlined his presidential platform as follows:

1. To drive corruption out of Washington, mercilessly to investigate crookedness and graft no matter where it leads; relentlessly to punish all who have been guilty of wrongdoing and to remove from office incompetents, who for political reasons or otherwise have been put in places of trust and responsibility for which they are not qualified.

2. To call as promptly as possible, after March 4, 1925, a new international conference at Washington for the purpose of considering the economic and other conditions prevailing in the world with a view to such action on the part of the United States as will promote peace, reduce the burdens of armament, restore justice and stability and revive prosperity. Submission of the question of American participation in the program adopted by the conference to a referendum.

3. To take the grip of Wall street off the Treasury Department and off of the Federal Reserve System, to restore to the people democratic control of these great financial instrumentalities and to have them operated in the interest of the people instead of the interest of privilege as has been notoriously done for the last three years. No Wall street representative by residence, or by proxy, will be put at the head of the Treasury Department or at the head of the Federal Reserve Board.

4. To repeal the obnoxious and indefensible Fordney-McCumber tariff bill.

5. To bring about prompt railroad reforms and to settle the railroad problems.

6. To do something instead of talk for agriculture. The farmers have been bilked under the Fordney-McCumber tariff law and under the Eech-Cummins railroad law.

7. To enforce the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof.

8. To reduce internal revenue taxes to the lowest limit compatible with Government honesty and efficiently conducted.

9. Federal constitutional amendment prohibiting child labor.

10. To secure legislation establishing a decent living wage standard and appropriate tribunals for maintaining peace in industry.

11. To clean out the Veterans' Bureau, to administer it honestly and efficiently.

Helps of a Sewer System

1. A sewer system will help to get full benefit out of the water system.

2. Allows the abandonment of cess pools and privies.

3. Helps toward a general cleanup of the town.

4. It dries the soil and that has an important bearing on health.

5. It reduces the deaths from typhoid, probably 50 per cent.

6. In some towns it reduces the tuberculosis death rate 50 per cent.

7. It results in saving money, because it is the cheapest way to dispose of sewage.

8. It increases the value of property drained.

9. It increases the property again by attracting the right people and industries to the town.

Tom Scott of Benton was a Sikeston visitor Wednesday.

Dal Harness of Cape Girardeau, who is connected with the shoe factory, moved his family to Sikeston Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellis Sanders, who has been the guest of Mrs. R. C. Finley, is spending a few days in Bluffett before returning to St. Louis.

Buddie Matthews and his classmate, Ralph Valentine, of Ames, Ia., who were at home for a few days, returned to Western on Sunday night.

Dir you know that our own Kemper Military School at Boonville, is the largest military school and the oldest boys school west of the Mississippi river? A pioneer institution in its eightieth year, it is rated by the War Department as one of the ten Honor Schools of America. It also enrolls annually, four hundred boys from over twenty-five states, and has had but two heads in its eighty years of training boyhood. They were Col. F. T. Kemper, its founder, and Col. T. A. Johnston, its present Superintendent.

PLANS WAREHOUSE AT BIRDS POINT

Plans for the erection of a warehouse at Birds Point by the St. Louis & Tennessee River Packet Company were announced Monday by representatives of the company who were in Charleston making preliminary arrangements for the project. The company is planning to erect the building immediately, so that freight service between St. Louis and Bird's Point may be established when the company's boats begin their regular weekly service in the spring.

According to information given the Enterprise-Courier by representatives of the packet company, they realize the fact that a large river freight business may be built up by the erection of the new warehouse, giving packet freight service to Charleston, Sikeston, East Prairie, Diehlstadt, Bertrand and other towns connected with Bird's Point by hard roads and a big saving in freight rates will result when the news service is inaugurated. It was pointed out that business houses in these towns can send trucks to the warehouse regardless of weather conditions at slight expense, and that the cost of transportation from St. Louis to Bird's Point with the drayage expense from the landing will be much less than rail freight charges are at present.

The plan is that the warehouse will be erected on the Skyles property, just east of the concrete road at Bird's Point. The company has arranged to secure a lease on this land and the warehouse will be built of sufficient height to be above high water, being located outside the levee. While here, the company's representatives made inquiry of county officials as to whether their boats could land on the concrete road incline and were informed that this is a public wharf and that it might be used. The company had previously been informed, it is said, that the landing privilege was an exclusive one with the Cairo-Bird's Point ferry service, but this was branded as false by county officials, who told the river men that the county owns a strip eighty feet wide extending down to the water's edge and that this wharf is open to all vessels as a public landing.

The St. Louis & Tennessee Packet Company operates boats on regular schedules between St. Louis and Riverport, Ala. It is rumored that it is planning a service between St. Louis and Memphis, Tenn., also, in which event wholesalers in the latter city will be placed on an equality with those of St. Louis, so far as local shipments are concerned.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

NEWS FROM OUR READERS AND FRIENDS IN THE WEST

Mrs. C. L. Blanton received an interesting letter from Mrs. Vernon Vaughn, who is living in Colton, Calif. Among the things she wrote, were the following items:

Misses Irene Hollister and Goldie Fowler and Dr. Anderson motored down from Los Angeles on Tuesday, the 12th, for a visit with Sikeston friends.

Miss Helen Harbin spent last week-end with Mrs. J. W. Marshall and family of 544 N. 8th st.

Cards have been received from Tacoma, Wash., announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Greer, who has been named David Jackson.

She also writes that the weather has been very delightful and that her children are as brown as the Mexicans. Mrs. Vaughn's mother, Mrs. Lou Greer, has been with them since the first of the year. While they have not been homesick, they always look forward to getting The Standard.

Mrs. Lyon Schreff is visiting in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Lucy McCutchen has returned to her home at Malden, after several days visit with her son, O. W. McCutchen and family. Little Betty McCutchen returned with her grandmother for a visit.

The managers meeting of the Union Electric Light & Power Co. of the Southeast Missouri Division, was held at the Missouri Public Utilities office at Sikeston Wednesday. Those present were: H. B. Newman and Louis Bouligay of Cape Girardeau, R. S. Battles of Senath, J. W. Sayres and A. L. Hall of Poplar, Bluff, R. B. Boyce and D. D. Hill of Charleston, Perry of St. Louis and C. E. Brenton of Sikeston.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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of Congress.

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Financial Statements for banks \$6.00
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Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott
and adjoining counties \$1.50
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the
United States \$2.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom
Scott as a candidate for the nomina-
tion of Sheriff of Scott County, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
August primary.

We are authorized to announce F.
K. Sneed of Claifree for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.

We are authorized to announce
Parm A. Stone of Skeston for Sher-
iff of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.

We are authorized to announce L.
P. Gohar of Vanduser for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce
Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for
Assessor of Scott County, subject to
the will of the Democratic voters at
the August primary.

We are authorized to announce
Geo. C. Bean, of Illmo, for assessor
of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.

CHIEF OF POLICE

We are authorized to announce W.
R. Burks for Chief of Police of Ske-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J.
H. Hayden, for Chief of Police, of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J.
B. Randol for Chief of Police of Ske-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Bill
Carson for Chief of Police of Ske-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

POLICE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce Jos.
W. Meyers for Police Judge of Ske-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J.
C. Lescher for Police Judge of Ske-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

CITY COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce S.
N. Shepherd for City Collector of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.

NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G.
F. Deane, of Matthews, as a candi-
date for Sheriff of New Madrid Coun-
ty, subject to the will of the Demo-
cratic voters at the August primary.

Why Bootleg Cotton?

By R. H. French

The soil and climate of Southeast
Missouri and Northeast Arkansas are
well adapted to the raising of good
commercial inch to inch and a six-
teenth cotton. Cotton of this charac-
ter is desirable and makes an almost
universal appeal to the spinners of
the world.

Through the untiring efforts of a
few and at no little expense inferior
cottons have been practically weeded
out of this territory during the last
several years. The result is that cot-
ton grown here has an established

reputation for quality and commands
the respect of the cotton world. Con-
sequently, our section in unique as a
premium market over almost any
other part of the country and this ad-
vantage is reflected in the price to
the grower.

There are a number of varieties of
cotton which are responsible for and
are at present sustaining our reputa-
tion for quality, chief among which
are Express, Delfos 6102, Acala No.
5, Improved Mebane, Wannamaker-
Cleveland, Trice and a few others of
that character. These cottons have
been developed through the pains-
taking efforts of the best cotton
breeders of the country. These cot-
tons are early maturing, yield well,
duce good lint out-turns and are
excellent in character and staple.

They have proven their value and
should not be lightly discarded. In
fact, it would seem a dangerous pro-
cedure to turn from cottons of es-
tablished merit to cotton of doubtful
parentage and uncertain posterity
which, at best, never emerge beyond
the twilight zone of respectability.

By this reference is, of course,
made to the so-called varieties of
half-and-half which might be more
appropriately termed the "maver-
icks" of the cotton family. The best
information indicates there is no
definite half-and-half variety but that
the cotton usually sold under that
name is simply cotton grown on the
depleted and impoverished soils of
the hill sections of the Cotton Belt.

The soil is so poor the cotton is
stunted and the fiber produced is
more fuzz than lint. It is not even
recognized by the United States Gov-
ernment as being cotton. It is not
tenderable on future contracts and
is in bad repute with all intelligent
cotton buyers.

Experiment station bulletins show
that this so-called cotton is uncertain
in its production, is not extra early
maturing, will not grow as much seed
cotton per acre as the standard vari-
eties we have been using, will not
show the lint percentage claimed for
it and is 'way down the list in total
money value.

The history of the cotton will
show that invariably when introduced
into a new territory it sooner or
later brings all the cotton grown
there in disrepute and not only pen-
alizes the grower but the whole sec-
tion. In seasons of normal supply
this cotton is practically unsalable
and can only be disposed of in dis-
guise to uninformed and inexperience
d cotton buyers.

Its history will also show that this
cotton never repeats. That when ex-
tensively planted in a territory the
results are so unsatisfactory every
effort is made to get rid of it as
quickly as possible. In fact, it is
only a deteriorated and degenerated
imitation of cotton which is grown on
poor, worn-out soils which have not
fertility enough to grow any better.

The supply of cotton seed of this
so-called variety seems never to be
exhausted. In fact, it can be bought,
gin run, in unlimited quantities at
moderate prices in almost any hill
section during the active cotton sea-
son. So, in the name of common
sense, why should you pay fancy
prices for it? Why give someone an
exorbitant profit? Money spent that
way will never come back as easily
as it went.

It is possibly true that stuff grown
from this seed when planted in our
rich, alluvial soil will, in the course
of a few years take on the character
of cotton but in the meantime you
run the risk of damaging yourself
and your neighbors.

Why do something you might re-
gret? Why run the risk of having to
bootleg your cotton?

Why do something you might re-
gret? Why run the risk of having
to bootleg your cotton.

Our favorable climate and fertile
soil enables us to grow a character
of cotton that few sections can pro-
duce. Common sense would indicate
that it would be more profitable in
the long run to stick to the standard
varieties of cotton that have given
us a reputation and which we, among
the few, can successfully produce,
rather than throw the bars down to
nondescript cotton of a character
that would throw us in direct compe-
tition with a large part of the Cotton
Belt. Consult your County Extens-
ion Agent. Write any Agricultural
Experiment Station in the South for
advice.

New "Staff of Life" From Soybean

The white loaf of the present day
is not the "staff of life" that bread
was when this proverbial phrase was
coined. To correct a deficiency of
protein in white bread the Linn Coun-
ty Soybean Growers Association of
Linneus, Missouri, recently induced
the baker of this County Seat town
to use the new soybean flour in his
Friday baking. Customers were at
first slow to buy this new cream
colored loaf. When put to the "test
of taste" it won the admiration of
every customer in the city of Linneus.
On Saturday within thirty min-
utes after the baking of soybean
bread was removed from the oven, it
was all sold and customers stood
waiting in line for a serving.

The baker asked the County Agri-
cultural Agent, J. Robert Hall, to
explain why this bread was so much
better. Upon analyzing it the pro-
tein content was found doubled, ash
increased materially and fat content
more than twice as high as in white
bread. This improved the modern
"staff of life" at little or no increase
in the cost to the consumer.

Its popularity has grown and
spread rapidly. This nationally
known Association of farmers has
had many calls for information as to
how this nutritious bread is made
and how they obtain the bean flow-
er. Six other places in the State
have started using it. At a State
meeting recently held it was served
as the main course of a luncheon. It
is credited with properties that will
revise the health of heavy bread
eaters.

Much praise is given this organi-
zation, the first of its kind in the
United States which has as its
object the production of a superior
variety of this new bean, the Morse,
for feeding all classes of livestock.—
The Bulletin, Linneus, Mo.

The next date for the organization
of new classes at the Chillicothe Busi-
ness College is March 3rd. Students
may best enter then upon Bookkeep-
ing, Banking, Stenographic, Tele-
graph and Civil Service courses.

A matter of universal interest to
Missourians, is the fact that the
Mark Twain Memorial Park is now
assured. Enough funds have been
subscribed by the public to secure the
fine old tract of one hundred acres
located at Florida, Monroe County,
where the famous humorist was born.
It is hoped that the state legislature
will make an appropriation for its
improvement and upkeep.

According to investigations made
by the State Board of Health, trach-
oma is the primary cause of twenty
per cent of blindness in Missouri.
When one considers that in 1920
there were 2226 totally blind persons
in the state, to say nothing of the
thousands with partially defective
vision, these figures on trachoma be-
come of vital importance. This dis-
ease is preventable and curable, and
the establishment of a state hospital
at Rolla for its control is a forward
step of much value in protecting the
citizens of Missouri from such a
menace.

POLITICAL LETTER
FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. February 20.—

There was a notable gathering in
the great banquet hall of the Wal-
dorf-Astoria the other night in New
York. In the great modern Babylon,
the vast and wealthy metropolis of a
fertile land, hundreds gathered who
represented every form of wealth and
opulence ever envisioned in the wild-
est dreams of a Croesus or a Midas.
There were gathered the members
and connections of the houses of Bel-
mont, Mellon, Morgan, Rockefeller,
Whitney, Vanderbilt, Astor, and so
on down the list. "A thousand
bright lamps shone o'er that high
festival". They were gathered osten-
sibly for the purpose of honoring the
birthday of Abraham Lincoln the
railsplitter! In very fact, they were
there for the purpose of drawing over
and around their myriad diamonds
and their coarse wealth the worn
homespun mantle of a man of the
plain people, a backwoodsman, a
patriot, a man who had known what
it was to hunger and to suffer, a
man who had no sympathy with them
or their kind while he lived, and who
would doubtless turn over in his
grave if he could know that his name
and his faith were being used to bol-
ster up for awhile the sinking for-
tunes of the party of privilege, of
craft, of tax immunity, of special
legislative favors; the party led and
managed by a new aristocracy based
neither upon blood nor merit; but
upon the sordid creed of Big Money.

There was feasting and speech-
making, and a myriad of flunkies
waited on fat men in full dress and
highly decorated women covered with
diamonds, and Senator Wadsworth,
elected to his job because he belong-
ed to the moneyed aristocracy of the
State, called up the shade of Lincoln
to witness the purity of the party
which elected him to the White House
many years ago. There is a story in
the Bible of how Saul called up the
spirit of his departed friend Samuel
with sad results, for when the spir-
it of Samuel arose he told his friends
some very unpleasant things. Could
the great commoner, Lincoln, have
stalked into the assemblage at the
Waldorf-Astoria he might have had
some caustic comments to make.
Could he possibly have recognized his
party? Could he have endorsed any-
thing which that party has done in
the last forty years? Would he have
recognized as a member of his party
Mrs. August Belmont, wife of the
famous owner of many race horses,
who took a little time from writing
checks for organizing the woman
vote to read that famous Lincoln
speech at Gettysburg. In that speech
seemed to be doubtful if a country
based on the simple principles of
liberty, equality and justice could
long endure. How much more doubt-
ful would he be if he could stand un-
observed in a corner of that banquet
hall and have pointed out to him the
men who now control the destinies of
the party which once was his, with a
few brief words as to the history
and record of this, that and the other
one? Could it be that he dimly fore-
saw this vast change in the control of
the Republican party of that older
day when he uttered that great hope
that government of the people, for
the people and by the people might
not perish from the earth?

An expert on income taxes has
figured out for the Washington News
that Secretary Mellon would save a
vast sum of his own taxes if Con-
gress should enact into law the legis-
lation which Mr. Mellon considerably
drew up for the legislative body. This
expert figures it that Mr. Mellon's
tax payable this year would be \$1-
101,440 under the existing law, but
that it would be only \$597,800 if the
"Mellon Plan" were to become law. Is
it any wonder the amiable and disin-
terested Secretary of the Treasury
should favor his own plan? Is it any
wonder that his wealthy friends
should also look kindly upon the plan
and have all their clerks writing let-
ters to their Congressmen urging the
adoption of this great and patriotic
reform measure? As this date, how-
ever, it looks like the million stamps
and barrels of ink are wasted, for
Congress is getting ready to adopt
the Democratic substitute, which
would give Mr. Mellon and his mil-
lionaire friends much less reduction of
tax and would give to the smaller
taxpayer much greater relief than
would the Mellon plan.

Judge Ewin L. Davis of Tennessee
has introduced a resolution for the
investigation of the Shipping Board.
Judge Davis, one of the ablest mem-
bers of the House, has specialized in
Shipping Board affairs and it is per-
fectly evident that he has a well-de-
fined idea as to where to find certain
fined idea hold of this rotten hulk
or else the resolution would not have
been presented to the House. The
Shipping Board is paying such salar-

13 TAX DANGERS 13

AMENDMENTS 12, 13 and 14

IT'S UP TO YOU ON FEB. 26, MR. VOTER
THINK BEFORE YOU ACT

AMENDMENT NO. 13, if adopted will undoubtedly bring a heavy burden of in-
creased taxes on Owners of Farms and Homes throughout Missouri.

AMENDMENT No. 13 means exactly what it says—It permits and provides for
the separation an classification of all kinds of property for purposes of taxation. Who is
going to classify your property? Which class will you be put in? What will you have to
say about it? To what Agency can you appeal for relief? That's the Bug under the chip.

THIS AMENDMENT tends to destroy the principle of equality and uniformity in
taxation as provided in our present constitution. It proposes to create a privileged class,
so that the rich owner of bonds and mortgages will pay only a ridiculously small frac-
tion of the tax rate that the farmer and owner of the city real estate will have to pay.

AMENDMENT No. 13 also provides that Automobiles shall be subject to License
Taxes in addition to the general property taxes paid on them.

IN AMENDMENT No. 13 also lurks more serious dangers to the tax-payer than in
ALL the other 20 amendments combined. Capable authorities on the subject of taxation
unhesitatingly say it leads us to the very door of the Single Taxers Program.

This same classification issue, advocated by the Single Taxers was de-
feated in Ohio by more than 100,000 votes, and was also defeated in
Kansas, Illinois and Iowa.

NOT SINCE 1875—49 years ago, have Missouri citizens come face to face with a
matter of such grave importance as confronts them on February 26th election.

OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTION builded by men of wisdom has served us well, and
is flexible enough in its provisions to permit any increase in tax burdens we may desire.
Why change?

AMENDMENT No. 12 is also a TAX INCREASE measure, and No. 14 if adopted
abolishes the present State Board of Equalization, destroying the only Constitutional
tribunal to which the tax-payers can appeal for justice.

Remember This

AMENDMENTS CANNOT BE DEFEATED by staying away from the polls. The
Single Taxers and others who want them to pass will be there and vote early.

HOME OWNERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF ALL KINDS, every farmer and
every farmer's wife and every automobile owner should vote, AND VOTE NO. Don't
forget the numbers.

Scratch YES, Vote NO on Amendments
12, 13 and 1413 BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY 13
TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Election February 26

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Missouri Tax Payers' Protective League
St. Louis, Missouri

tes to party favorites as were never
heard of in the land, is so managing
its affairs the most of the shipping
lies rotting at anchor, and is covering
its tracks so deeply that it is not
possible, through ordinary means, to
find out what the Board is doing or
not doing, hence the resolution to
provide a way to dig out the facts. It
is fairly safe to advise the purchase
of gas masks before the fun begins.

Mr. Stengle of New York has
finally forced the Republican leaders
to get up on the floor of the House
and admit the complete failure of
their much-heralded Reclassification
Scheme for Government workers. Mr.
Lehlbach, father of hie law, had to
admit its entire miscarriage and to
proclaim its administration under
Herbert D. Brown, a travesty on the
law. It seems certain that Brown
and his bureau will be abolished and
the work put back under the Civil
Service Commission, where it be-
longs.

The handkerchief today has grown
more giddy in coloring and has be-
come an important article of dress.
Debutantes are fastening their hand-
kerchiefs to small rings, which they
wear upon the little finger.

Portage des Sioux, once a quaint
old French village around which
much the romantic pioneer history of
St. Charles County was centered, is
now a sleepy river hamlet of scarcely
more than its early population. But
around it is a wonderful tract of al-
most virgin forest with many kind
of shrubs including Missouri's state
flower, the hawthorne. This area of
overflow land has been favorably
mentioned for an ecological park.

Ruth St. Denis, the noted dancer,
will open free dancing classes for
poor children in New York City and
Los Angeles.

Many of the early settlers of Jeff-
erson County literally "earned their
salt by the sweat of their brows"
since salt making was an important
pioneer industry. While Missouri
was still a part of the territory ruled
by Spain, Thomas Jones, a salt mak-
er, settled near Kimmswick and es-
tablished a small colony, as early as
1779.

Philadelphia girls have the small-
est feet of any girls in the United
States, while Chicago lassies still
lead in the largest sizes.

Of interest to those who are look-
ing toward the development of Mis-
souri's water-power resources, is
the proposed 100-foot dam, now pend-
ing federal approval, which would
be located on the Osage river, eight
miles above Bagnall. This engineer-
ing project would develop over 50-
000 horsepower and create a lake 125
miles long.

LOW PRICED FARMLOANS

Representing a company that has loaned millions of
dollars on Southeast Missouri lands. I am making a low
cost, clean-cut loan with liberal prepayment privileges.
Inquiries solicited and held confidential.

Howard E. Morrison

208 Scott County Milling Co. Bldg.
Telephone 8

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Good planting seed are going to be scarce this spring. Bet-
ter place your order now.

ACALA NO. 5 Pedigreed, Certified, Recleaned, Fumigat-
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PURE DELFOS 6102 Recleaned, Fumigated.

Pure Trice—Rowden—Wannamaker Cleveland
Also Selected Home Grown Acclimated Seed For Sale
See Us For OAT and CLOVER SEED.

Sikes-McMullin Grain Co., Skeston, Mo.

1923 Personal Taxes Are Delinquent

I have the 1923 delinquent Personal taxes
to collect. They must be paid on or before
the first of March, otherwise other means will
be taken to collect same.

C. L. BLANTON, JR.,
Deputy Collector

Richland Township Tax Payers Notice

THE KEVIL-KENDALL WEDDING WEDNESDAY

Miss Gladys Kendall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Kendall, Wednesday, became the bride of James S. Kevil, Secretary of Sikes-McMullin Grain Co., the ceremony taking place at the Kendall home on South Kingshighway at 12:30 p. m.

A bower of ferns and smilax, flanked by tall baskets of jonquils, was built in a large window alcove and there, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, Rev. T. B. Mather officiated, using the ring ceremony.

Promptly at 12:30 sounded the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Audrey Chaney, and down the long stairway came the bride, preceded by her only attendant, Miss Irma Wilson. The groom and his brother, David B. Kevil, entered from the dining room.

Miss Wilson's gown was fashioned of Cocoa Canton Crepe with a large square pertha of Point Venise and Irish lace. Her hat was of brown moire ribbon. She carried Ophelia roses and wore a Santoir with amber pendant, her gift from the bride.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of copper hue tulle, elaborately embroidered with dull gold silk. The frock was lined with flesh colored charmeuse. The waistline was finished with a girdle from which fell a graceful drape of gold beaded crepe. Her hat was a small Cloche of copper tulle with trimming of dull gold roses and leaves. Other accessories were in corresponding tones. She carried a shower bouquet of Killarney roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the dining room, which was decorated with yellow tulips. A two-course luncheon was served.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. F. Crider, of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. T. W. Gallaher, of St. Louis sister and niece of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Kevil and daughters of Malden.

The newlyweds left on the afternoon train for the sunny south, the bride wearing an extremely becoming traveling dress of Poudre blue crepe and navy serge with a small hat of the same blue shade.

They plan to be away for several weeks, spending first a few days in Memphis before going to Shreveport for a short visit with Mrs. Crider. Their ultimate destination is Miami, Florida, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Woods, of St. Louis, who are spending the winter months at their cottage. Mrs. Woods is a sister of the groom.

Upon returning to Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Kevil will begin housekeeping in the new home on Gladys street.

Miss Effie Giles of St. Louis will be the guest of Mrs. Roy V. Ellise next week.

Miss Millie Wes Sutton of St. Louis will be the guest of Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson and Mrs. Roy V. Ellise next week.

This certainly has been a he-winter up to this time with another month to go. It may be that the scandals in the Republican high ranks have had something to do with it.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Master Lowell Wafford, of the Eighth grade, won first place in the essay contest given by the People's Bank of Morehouse. Lowell is 14 years of age. The essay on which he won ten dollars, was very unusual for a young boy. The subject of the essays was a picture on the Bank's calendar depicting Washington talking to a group of people. Below the picture is written the motto: Economy makes sound nations and homes; instill it deep. Wafford Starks, age 12, of the seventh grade won second prize, amounting to five dollars. Mildred Stancamp of the eighth grade won third place, amounting to two dollars and fifty cents.

Taylor Todd is sick with the influenza.

Misses Vera Edwards and Eva Taylor left for St. Louis Thursday night.

Russell Leming, Loren Blaylock and Oral Flannery attended a dance at Charleston last Friday night.

John Dunafe went to Poplar Bluff Tuesday on business.

Fred Weber of Cairo, Illinois, visited friends in Morehouse, Wednesday, on his way to Gideon.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, met at the home of Mrs. W. R. Griffin on Thursday and tacked a comfort.

The Triangle Club will give a dance at the Club rooms. Fishers' orchestra of Cape Girardeau will furnish the music.

Mrs. H. L. Newcomer gave a social party, Tuesday night, which was attended by a large number of guests. The refreshments were a near-banquet, which attested to Mrs. Newcomer's reputation as being one of the best connoisseurs in Southeast Missouri.

Mrs. Harry Fox was shopping in Sikeston Monday.

Ernest Crumpecker attended the Automobile Show in St. Louis, Monday and Tuesday.

The Sunday school classes of Mrs. Dunaway and Mrs. Edwards will hold a candy sale, Friday.

Rev. Doss, Mr. Parrish and others have been enjoying duck hunting since the ducks came in.

Bert Rowe of Charleston spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

The W. B. A. regular meeting will be held at their hall on Monday night of next week.

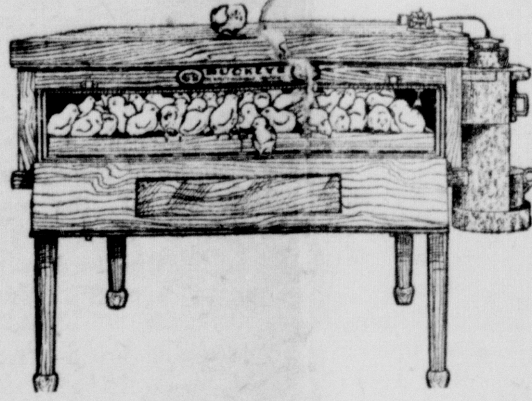
Miss Catherine Smith of Cairo will be the week-end guest of Misses Myra and Burdette Tanner.

Mrs. A. F. Krieder, who was a guest at the Kevil-Kendall wedding, left Wednesday night for her home at Shreveport, La.

Joe Griffith, maintenance officer of the Highway Department for Stoddard County and stationed at Dexter, visited homefolks in Sikeston Sunday.

Many in Sikeston thought it just possible that it would be a double wedding, but we suppose cold feet was the cause. Just who had the cold feet we would not like to say.

Thursday evening of next week the Eastern Star Chapter will hold their regular meeting. It had been the expectation of the Eastern Star to entertain the Masons at this meeting, but the entertainment will be deferred to a later date.



NOW I HAVE A "BUCKEYE"

Say! If I told you the eggs I've lost and the trouble I've had trying to make a makeshift incubator do the work of a "Buckeye" you'd hardly believe the story.

No more experimenting for me! In future I'll have nothing if I can't have a

BUCKEYE THE WORLD'S BEST INCUBATOR

All the biggest breeders in the country—and the smallest—use the "Buckeye." Anybody can run it. Operates automatically and can't go wrong. Hatches every hatchable egg—more and better chicks than you can get from any other incubator regardless of price. We know the "Buckeye" so well that we cheerfully guarantee it to do this—and stand back of the guarantee.

If we sell you a "Buckeye" you'll be tickled out of your skin at the splendid results you get.

Seven Sizes—60 eggs to 600. Come in and see how they work.

Farmers Supply Co.

Hardware Department

Gloria Fooled Them

Miss Swanson is the star of the Paramount picture, "The Humming Bird," coming to the Malone Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

They told Gloria Swanson she never could do it.

"Why, my dear," explained a studio chum, "you simply haven't the looks for it. You've a beautiful classic face with regular features, a complexion like wax and a figure—! You're just the ideal Mack Sennett bathing girl and you'd best resign yourself to lolling about the California beaches the rest of your movie days."

That's what Miss Swanson's fellow-Sennettite told her in the days when Gloria was the chief reason why Mack is called the "Ziegfeld of the Movies."

But fortunately, Miss Swanson didn't listen to her—at least she did not take her friend seriously. For already this strikingly beautiful Chicago girl, who had come to California and broken into pictures via the comedies had ambitions to succeed in the serious drama.

"I was never happy in comedy," Miss Swanson explained recently, when she was in New York on a brief vacation. "I had come to Los Angeles to do drama. I had been working in comedy at the Essanay studio in Chicago and didn't like it. But I did like motion pictures and I wanted to succeed. When I came to the West Coast and found the only available opening was in comedy, I turned it down at first. After I thought it over, I decided any way of breaking in was better than no way and took the job."

It was not long before the producers began to agree with Gloria Swanson. Though she could pose superbly in a bathing suit, they discovered that she could wear the most exquisite Parisian models of evening dresses with the grace of a professional model and possessed the poise and bearing of a society dame. Moreover, they found that this eager woman with her expressive black eyes and ivory complexion was a real actress.

So Miss Swanson's opportunity to rise into the serious drama came quickly, and she seized it with both hands.

J. H. Barnett went to Himmel, on business, Thursday.

Miss Bonnie Keith of Cape Girardeau will be the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

J. B. Stubblefield of Malden is the guest of A. J. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malone were Sunday visitors at Benton.

J. H. Galeener is back from a business trip to Jonesboro, Ark.

S. M. Dailey of Vanduser was a visitor at The Standard office, Thursday.

Allen Harrison has returned to St. Louis after spending a few days here.

O. L. Clem and C. E. Hill of Booneville, Ark., are spending a few days in Sikeston on business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

We are authorized to announce Clyde Demaris, as candidate for Collector of Revenue of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

FOR SALE—Lot 20, blk. 12, Chamber of Commerce addition.—Hahs Machine Works.

WANTED—White girl for general house work. For information call Mrs. P. M. Gervig, phone 146.

WANTED—Men to sell the Kitchen Comfort Range Stove at \$59.50. Best price since 1910.—L. W. Richardson, Dexter, Mo. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—1½ acres, good 6-room house, some out buildings, plenty of fruit on place, on Northwest Street, near the Fair Grounds. See Elmer Caldwell, Sikeston, Mo. Box 546 3tp.

WANTED—A position as foreman or laborer, on farm. Have had fourteen years experience in cotton production. One year in this district. Reference given.—Geo. W. Anderson, Sikeston, Mo. tf.

WANTED—A girl for general house work. Apply at The Standard office. FOR RENT—230 acres of good cotton and grain land adjoining Dudley, Mo. Three sets of improvements.—Elvin Smyth, Dudley, Mo. tf.

LOST—Morning of February 5, between Gresham's residence and Frisco station, a purse or bill folder, containing some one dollar bills and silver amounting to about \$8. Folder contained name of "Lola Riggs". Call Mrs. Gresham if you can give information.

FOR SALE—2 registered Poland China boars, 18 months and 2 years old; 3 cows all due to be fresh; 1 registered Guernsey to have first calf, 1 purebred Jersey to have third calf, other 7-8 Jersey to have third calf and one better family cow in this section. Apply at Standard office.

Maintaining The Balance

CRITICISM sometimes advanced against efforts to reduce the cost of production of farm products is that such efforts create surpluses that leave the farmer in worse shape than he was before. The question may then be asked, would it not seem desirable to hold back on the adoption of improved methods or increased efficiency, and substitute therefore controlled production with lessened competition. The answer is simple—such a course is contrary to the economic law that applies to every phase of human activity. Just as competition in the business world compels adjustment to changing conditions and methods of production, so does competition in farming necessitate a balance in production.

It may be granted, therefore, that improved methods, whether it be the more efficient use of labor or capital, or both, will increase production, and that increased efficiency may divert more people from the production of necessities to the production of luxuries. There is nothing to be alarmed at in such a movement. There is practically no limit to the amount of luxuries we can consume, whereas there is a very practical limit to the amount of food we can eat.

Meanwhile, the opportunity for the individual to excel is always present. All men are not made in the same mold. In a recent survey of farm income on 207 farms in Calhoun County, Iowa, 30 farmers made \$2,000 or more, 30 farmers made \$500 or less, and 6 failed to have anything to show for their labor and management at the end of the year. Probably the human element was a bigger factor in the wide variation than size of farm or natural fertility.

The distress of one-crop farmers leads to diversification and prosperity. Thus a balance in production is obtained, but these farmers who diversify and adopt improved practices before compelled to by necessity will find themselves above the average in their economic position. Surpluses today vanish tomorrow. Farming today demands keen judgment in maintaining the balance between the production of various crops.—Ove F. Jensen.

Ruins of an old stone "slave pen" or jail, may still be seen on the old country place of Michael Arthur, near Liberty in Clay County. Mr. Arthur was a pioneer settler of Clay County coming there in 1822. The brick residence built in 1833 is still in good condition.

CHEAPER ROADS BY STATE PURCHASES

That wholesale purchases of road materials by States is a method of saving taxpayer's money is demonstrated by the records of several States which have adopted a central purchasing department for all road materials. North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Delaware, Connecticut, and Indiana are among the goodroads States thus cutting out waste and centralizing their buying.

B. H. Piepmeyer, State engineer for Missouri roads, estimates that centralized buying has saved "the show me" State over \$3,000,000. In addition to the saving due to low prices on large lots in wholesale quantities, the unified purchases save time, red tape, and duplication. Regarding the plan, Mr. Piepmeyer says:

"It could be tried with success in other States. The plan secures steady supply of cement, speeds up delivery, and reduces the expense to the taxpayer. North Carolina has saved \$350,000 in three years in this way. The contractors are better pleased, too, on account of competition with privately operated plants. Because of the great expense in getting started, it was decided that it would be inadvisable for the State to manufacture; so the commercial plants were enlarged. In my opinion, a Government operated plant cannot be so efficiently operated as a privately owned one in which keen competition keeps the managers active all the time. A privately operated plant does not suffer from political turnovers or other such influences."

Leo Becker came in from St. Louis Tuesday morning.

Leo Becker is spending a few days in Memphis on business.

The small children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belt have the measles.

Will Long is attending the Automobile Show in St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hardwick returned Thursday morning from St. Louis.

County Agent Renner of Benton, was a visitor at The Standard office Tuesday.

Miss Clara Lindley of Cape Girardeau is spending the week-end with homefolks.

Joe Stubbs returned from St. Louis where he had been attending the Automobile Show.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield will entertain the Bridge Club at her home Saturday night, February 26.

The Woman's Club will have their regular meeting at the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, February 26. All members are urged to be present.

The D. A. R. Chapter will celebrate Washington's birthday, February 22 with a meeting for members only at the home of Mrs. Joe Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Malone, Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Malone were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed of Benton last Friday.

Night officer Noblin arrested a negro "peeper" over Frisco way on Wednesday night and Judge Lescher fined him \$25 and costs with 60 days on the work gang. The officer made a mistake in arresting the negro. He should have shot him like a mad dog, then arrested him.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Board of Directors Arkansas Cotton Growers Association To Meet

The regular Board meeting of the Directors of the Arkansas Cotton Growers which was to have been held on Tuesday, February 19, will be held on Tuesday, February 26. This postponement was due to several members of the Board being unable to attend the meeting as scheduled.

The Missouri Association will be represented by X. Caverno of Canaan, W. H. Tanner, Sikeston and J. M. Miles, Secretary of the Missouri Association at the meeting.

Association Member Makes Shipment of his Crop

One of the latest members to join the Association, Geo. A. Eby, has shipped his entire crop of 1923 cotton which was produced on his farm. His crop of eight bales off of eleven acres was ginned and shipped to the Association on February 14. His cotton ginned 34 per cent.

Association Member Benefited By Knowledge of Grade of Cotton

The benefit to the grower of cotton by shipping through the Missouri Cotton Growers Co-operative Association was demonstrated by the following letter written the Association by O. J. Butler of Charleston. The knowledge of the true grade, color and staple of his cotton is a benefit to every cotton grower. Under the old system growers have found since they joined the Association that the cotton has been under graded from one to two grades in markets where they sell in the lint.

"Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-op. Association,

"New Madrid, Mo.

"Gentlemen:

"On about January 25, 1924, I shipped one bale of cotton to the Association that was snapped cotton and of a grade that had been selling here for from sixteen to twenty-five cents. The farmer at this point has sold a great quantity of this grade of cotton in the seed at a price ranging from three and one-half cents to four cents per pound. This bale was classed at the Association by their graders and placed in pool 803.

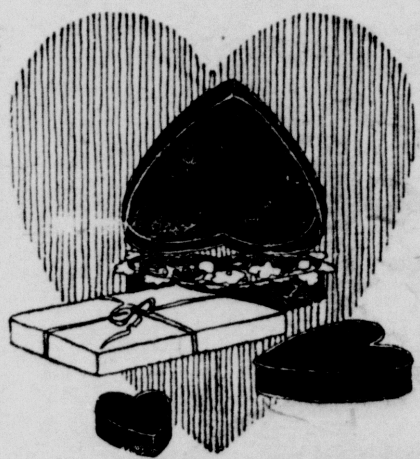
"On February 9 I received from the Association a list of sales made since January 26, 1924. And on February 7 during that time the Association made sale of 125 bales of cotton out of pool 803 at three and one-half cents landed at Boston. This bale that I shipped was in that class and it was just an average bale of the bolly cotton that has been ginned here in the last two months.

According to the way this sale was made in the Association, cotton of this grade, has been sold at Charleston to the local buyers it represents a loss of about \$50 per bale to the farmers.

"O. J. BUTLER".

The Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

The sale of mules and farm implements of the A. J. Matthews Co., Inc., held at Minner Switch Monday and Tuesday, brought exceptionally good prices considering it was a cash sale. At the same place next Monday and Tuesday a lot of cotton farm tools and other machinery will be sold.



Delicious Candies

The next time you are "Candy hungry," drop in here and let us fix you a special box, assorted to your order, of our delicious Candies.

If you are like other folks we know, you will be more than delighted with the rich creamy smoothness and the tasty flavors which distinguish our Candy.

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Sikeston, Mo.

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To help you in making your selections, we offer a most complete array of the newest shapes, sizes and colors of Stationery arranged in boxes specially designed.

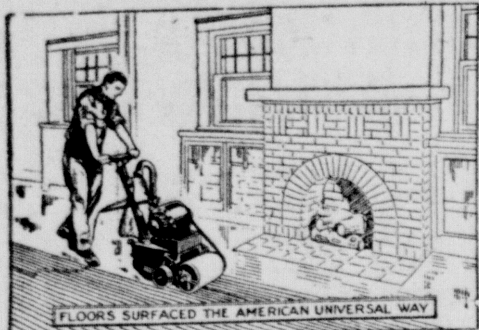
Attractive prices add to the pleasure of buying here.

Our special offer this week—One Quire of Paper and Envelopes—attractively boxed—

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E. J. Keith spent Thursday at Lilbourn on business. Macon County is Missouri's greatest coal producing county, although several other counties run close seconds.

FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

Judge James A. Finch is a business visitor in St. Louis this week.

The Campbell basketball team of girls came over to New Madrid last Friday and played the girls of our town, with a score of 24 to 11 in favor of Campbell. Miss Eunice Miller accompanied the Campbell team. After the game, the two teams were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. M. Miles, afterwards attending the Dixie Theatre.

Mrs. James A. Finch will be the hostess for the Women's Missionary Society, with an all day social meeting Thursday at her home on Scott street. A Washington birthday program will be rendered and quite a number of out-of-town guests are expected.

The High School Seniors accompanied by Prof. Fred R. Harrison,

Principal of the School, went to Sikeston last Thursday and visited the Ice Cream Factory and Shoe Factory. The Valentine party given by the Methodist ladies at the home of Mrs. A. T. Henry last Thursday night, was a very unique affair. The house was very appropriately decorated with cupid and hearts, the suggestions of Valentine, with the following program rendered: Readings by Masters Samuel Davis Fine and Lehman Finch, and Misses Catherine Finch and Estelle Fakes and Little Misses Sue Henry Esther Shainberg. Vocal solos by Mrs. T. N. Hubbard. The remainder of the evening was spent in contests after which dainty ice cream cake and mints were served. A neat sum was realized, which was for the benefit for the Methodist Church.

There will be a County Teachers Examination held at the public school building March 7 and 8.

The County School Board will hold a convention at the Court House in New Madrid, March 5.

Sheriff and his deputies, while attending to their official duties, discovered a still in operation by Walter Bailey and D. E. Matheny near Henderson Mounds last Sunday. Several shots were fired by the officer, but the men finally surrendered, and were brought to New Madrid and placed in the County jail.

Among the many from Morehouse who attended the trial of Mrs. E. L. Hanson and Ed Taylor at the Court House last Saturday, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. E. d Taylor, Mrs. P. S. Chapman and daughter, Miss Helen, Miss Hattie Harp, Mrs. J. T. Hart, Mrs. Avery, D. L. Fisher, E. L. Crumpecker, T. G. Blackwell, E. L. Griffin, W. R. Griffin, W. M. Barnes, C. R. Masterson, O. M. Headlee and son, Lilbourn Headlee and Harry Hunter.

M. F. Ehlers moved his family last Saturday into his property on Main street, known as the Rossiter home. The Latham property formerly occupied by them, is now occupied by Dick Barrows and family. The Gordon property, vacated by them is now occupied by George Ferguson and family.

W. E. Davis of Point Pleasant was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. H. Townsend and Mrs. Highland Schreff were shopping in Sikeston last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bock and family accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Boone motored to St. Louis, Sunday.

O. L. Morey of Bonne Terre arrived Monday as druggist for Hunter Drug Co.

Misses Ance Ogelsby and Elsie Smart entertained a number of their friends Monday evening with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching, on Scott Street. Those present were: Misses Evelyn Sutton and Hyacinth Sheppard, of Sikeston, Josephine Evans of Nevada, Willie Richardson, Lois Willit, Bobbie Mamm, Ance Ogelsby and Elsie Smart, Messrs. Chas. Hebbeler, of Sikeston; Louis Woodyard, James Henry Fields, Jake Shainberg, Harry and Thad Campbell, Willit Wright, Alfred Stepp, Morris Frankle and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching. The evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing with a number of splendid selections of music. Miss Josephine Evans rendered a piano reading, which was fully enjoyed and at the hour of 12 o'clock refreshments of sandwiches, potatoe chips, pickles and cocoa were served. All present reported a delightful evening.

Scott M. Julian with Ide P. Trotter, Cotton Specialist from the Extension Service, Columbia, left Monday afternoon for Parma, where they conducted a cotton school at that place. They are conducting a series of these cotton schools for the benefit of the farmers who are desirous of learning more about the production of cotton. A. J. McAdams, Land Clearing Specialist, who is putting on a series of demonstrations in land clearing in Southeast Missouri, spent last week with homefolks in Columbia, Mo., returning Tuesday morning.

Jesse M. Miles transacted business in East Prairie and Charleston two days last week. Geo. Traylor spent Monday in Charleston on legal business.

J. L. Tanner left Thursday morning for St. Louis.

Miss Stella Shields of Cairo will be the week-end guest of Mrs. Moore Greer.

Instead of shoulder straps, the Parisienne today frequently employs a pair of long, jeweled pins patterned after the ancient ornaments from Thebes. These pins are adequate, now that the neck line is getting higher.

One housewife economizes on coal by burning coke in the kitchen range. She prefers it to coal because it lights so easily, therefore requires less wood. She breaks the coke into small pieces. It makes a hot fire and she finds it especially desirable for heating the oven.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chiles and Mrs. Menda Atchey and son, Ted, motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Smith and children of Canolou and Leonard Baughn of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and daughter, Miss Ozetta, were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Mrs. Florence Woodard and brother, Roy Alsop motored to La Forge Saturday.

A shower was given at the home of Mrs. Ben Mills Tuesday complimentary to Mrs. Ella Ashworth, formerly Miss Ella Brumfield. The following are the list of gifts and their donors: Mrs. Jack Matthews of Sikeston, electric iron; Mrs. Hubert Boyer, of Sikeston, aluminum roaster; Mrs. C. H. Hite of Sikeston, double cooker; Mrs. J. W. Emory, salad bowl; Mrs. Roy Alsop and Lillith Deane, aluminum stewer; Mrs. O. K. Mainord, apron; Mrs. John Harper, of Sikeston, two salad bowls; Miss Elsie Lepley of Sikeston, bath towel; Mrs. Mayme Rice, table linen; Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, embroidered pillow cases; Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane, aluminum perculator; Mrs. Clarence Critchlow, three aluminum cake pans and stewer; Mrs. Fred Story, Mrs. Leon Swartz and Mrs. Frank Sibley, aluminum kettle; Mrs. Horace Weatherford of Sikeston, luncheon cloth; Mrs. J. D. Fakes of New Madrid, salad bowl; Mrs. T. Holderby, of New Madrid, salad bowl and egg turner; Mrs. R. H. Weeks, recipe cabinet; Mrs. Loy Roberts, aluminum pitcher. Dainty refreshments were served.

A surprise birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts, Monday evening, in honor of the former's birthday. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll of Sikeston. The evening was spent in playing rook. At a very late hour, a three-course luncheon was served.

Prof. and Mrs. R. H. Weeks entertained the Freshman and Sophomore Classes with a Valentine party Thursday evening. As the guests came in, Delaware punch was served, Miss Dorothy Waters presiding at the punch bowl, dressed in white, decorated with red hearts, representing a Valentine. The evening was spent in playing rook and dancing, after which an elegant three-course luncheon was served. The guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jones, of Pharris Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts and Miss Mabel Mecklem of New Madrid. The guests departed at a very late hour declaring a most delightful evening spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Chaffee spent the week-end with relatives in Matthews.

Mesdames G. D. Steele and Albert Deane and Miss Floe King attended the show at Sikeston Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz motored to Sikeston Saturday evening and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll.

The Standard \$1.50 per year.

Geo. Nichols, sent to the Burlington Monday, makes the fourth student of the Telegraph Dept. of the Telegraph Dept. of the Chillicothe Business College to be placed with the Alliance Division in Nebraska this month.

A roster of Pettis County's soldiers of the World War, as well as important papers and relics of many kinds, were inclosed in two copper boxes and sealed in the cornerstone of Sedalia's new \$350,000 court house. Impressive ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone were recently held.

Nestling in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, surrounded by the historic spots so well perpetuated in the "Shepherd of the Hills" is the picturesque little town of Reed's Spring. It is so named because of the huge gushing springs that smile a pathway here and there through the town. The scenic White River branch of the Missouri Pacific railway speedily brings one to this sylvan retreat.

The protection of the head waters of Missouri's navigable streams is of great importance and since these watersheds are in great danger thru the wholesale destruction of the state's forests, the question of reforestation becomes a vital one. Under the Week's law, Missouri as well as other states may have the advantages of reforestation projects at no cost to the state whatever. The State legislation needs only to pass an enabling act, permitting the federal government to acquire such land for reforestation projects.

PLANTS GROW QUICKLY AFTER ETHER SPREES

No longer will useful plants be allowed to sleep out their long winter sleep if a discovery just announced by Prof. David Lumsden of the federal horticultural board becomes the common property of nurserymen, amateur and producing flowers or fruit for the farmers. For he has found that if given a "shot of dope" either by the inhalation or hypodermic method, they may be awakened as if by an alarm clock and set to their work of growing and producing flowers or fruit for the pleasure or profit of man.

The drug used in his experiments was the common ether of the hospital operating room, but instead of putting his plant subjects to sleep it woke them up. They liked it and seemed to thrive after just one treatment. For example, some plants were taken from outdoors in midwinter when they had to be dug from the frozen ground with picks, were given an overnight ether debauch and, the next morning, shoots of an average length of one-eighth of an inch had sprouted. Kept indoors they continued to grow and flowers were produced weeks in advance of the usual blooming season.

Roses were taken from the frozen ground and given a hypodermic injection of the same drug. Not only did they sprout and grow but, more important still to the indoor gardener, they were immune to all the ordinary plant diseases that make indoor rose culture a practical impossibility except in large greenhouses. Professor Lumsden has had roses in February, just six weeks from the time the plant was given its stimulating injection.

Only a very small quantity of ether is needed. In the inhalation method the plants are put in an airtight chamber containing 27 cubic feet of space. Five cubic centimeters of ether, or about a tablespoonful, are then introduced and the chamber sealed. Only about twelve hours' exposure to the fumes is needed and then the little plants are wide awake and growing.

In the hypodermic method, Professor Lumsden made use of that sometimes formidable weapon, a woman's hat pin. With this a puncture about a quarter of an inch deep was made at the base of the stem of the plant where it joins the root. Then an ordinary hypodermic needle was introduced and half of one cubic centimeter of ether injected. This is the method which was generally used with wood plants such as roses or lilacs.

One of the important applications of this whole process, according to Professor Lumsden, is that using either method of drugging the plant, every single latent bud or shoot is brought to life. That is not Nature's way, as usually only one of three or four ever grows. This may mean much in the culture of plants such as dahlias or potatoes which are grown from tubers. If every latent bud on these tubers could be made to grow they could be cut into smaller pieces, and expense of seed saved. What is more, Dr. Lumsden believes that the plants would be more vigorous.

For he is working now to see if these ether treatments, especially the hypodermic sort, do not impart a lasting vigor to the plant, enabling it to resist disease. His experiments with roses strongly indicate this. If they are confirmed, ether "shots" will, with plants, take the place of the various forms of vaccinations to which the would-be healthy human is now subjected.

There is a mystery in this whole affair which science may some day solve, but of which it now knows little. Ether temporarily depresses all animal life. With pant life in moderate doses it is apparently all stimulation with no depression and no injurious after effects, but instead a lifelong increase in strength and endurance. If science can learn why this is so, much light will be thrown, Professor Lumsden says, upon the secrets of physiological growth.

It is not generally known that silver is produced annually in small commercial quantities in Missouri, through the refining of lead and other heavy ores.

Arsenal Island, St. Louis County, is one of the noteworthy bird-haunts and natural beauty spots of the regions around St. Louis. Here the August roosts of the purple martin colonies and crow rookeries, make the island one of unusual interest for nature students.

An important item in industrial advancement for southern Missouri is the establishment of a \$500,000 packing plant at Springfield. More than half a million hogs were shipped last year from Greene and surrounding counties, which demonstrates the local supply for such a plant as the new one will be.

RED HOT ROMANCE FOR FAVORED STAR

The next Wednesday's photoplay coming to the Malone Theatre is promised to be a real treat, according to advance announcements of the picture. "A Wife's Romance" is the title and its principal role is played by such a well-tried artist as Clara Kimball Young. This fact alone assures an evening of the keenest enjoyment.

Miss Young has proven long ago that she can be depended upon to give a living portrayal if the role is suitable to her special talents. However, "A Wife's Romance" is taken from the well known novel 'La Rubia' by H. W. Roberts and this is just the kind of thing Miss Young does best of all. Her role is that of the American woman of high strung, emotional temperament who is denied the love for which her whole being hungers. Finally she finds a measure of excitement and romance if not real love in the person of Ramon, the delightful bandit of Spain.

The resulting escapades of the lovers so strangely matched forms a story which in color and romance can only find an equal in Spain itself. "A Wife's Romance" is under the direction of Thomas Heffron. The adaptation of the novel for the screen was completed by Frank Beresford. Art direction by Joseph C. Wright and it was photographed by Charles Richardson. "A Wife's Romance" is a Harry Garson production distributed by Metro Pictures Corporation.

When cooking string beans add a little chopped parsley tied in a small bag. You will like the improved flavor.

Two or three women in the Savoy ballroom in London have followed the lead of an Italian Countess and had their hair treated with a phosphorescent lotion. When the ballroom lights are dimmed, the hair appears as a silvery green luminous mass.

Do not waste cake when it becomes stale. Cut in thin slices and lay them flat on a pie plate. On each one drop a tablespoonful of meringue. Place in the oven until the meringue is slightly browned. This freshens the cake and makes a delicious little fancy dessert.

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Advertising in the Sikeston Standard, continuously, will pay you a handsome profit on the investment.

You will like Electrik-Maid She arrives about March 1st.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL EMPIRE

By Roy Godsey

Stoddard County, Missouri, according to official data, is one of the leading poultry producing counties in the entire Mississippi Valley.

Stoddard County, along with Scott, Cape Girardeau and Butler Counties, embraces that section of the district where the flat lands of the east meet the Ozarks on the west.

This section is adapted to fruit growing. The fruit acreage is not extensive, but both old and young orchards prove that conditions favor fruit production.

There is very little fruit grown on the flat lands in Southeast Missouri. Some few orchards have been planted when the first drainage ditches were constructed, and in all cases where proper care has been given the trees have made a thrifty growth and made satisfactory yields.

Southeast Missouri is one of the leading melon producing regions of the United States. In certain sections of Dunklin, Scott and Mississippi counties, the growing of melons has been one of the chief industries.

Nothing better indicates the progressiveness of the Southeast Missouri people than the fact that every county in the district has a farm bureau organization, and employs a county agent. The State College of Agriculture, at Columbia, Missouri, has co-operated with the district by establishing local experiment fields through their Extension Service. The Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, at Cape Girardeau, has a strong agricultural department well equipped to prepare teachers for teaching agriculture in the rural schools and high schools.

The people of Southeast Missouri are just folks, but communities have characteristics much as individuals have their individual attributes. The spirit of Southeast Missouri is perhaps its greatest asset. It cannot be described, but one can see and describe causes which have led to an unusual degree of co-operative community action.

In the first place, the section is largely new. The tasks of land and farm development have been the tasks of the pioneer. During the past ten to twenty years a pioneer enter-

prise has been accomplished which had required a century of an earlier day in the comparable timbered areas of Ohio or Indiana. Therefore, it may justly be claimed that Southeast Missourians possess the Pioneer Spirit.

Furthermore, the problems of drainage construction and levee protection have been problems of large significance, not to be worked out on the basis of individual interests. On the contrary, they have required broad vision and bold co-operative action. Difficulties overcome and dreams realized by arduous and united action on the part of many, bring to all those who have worked and succeeded together a justifiable consciousness and pride in their accomplishments.

Natural conditions have forced this unity of action, giving good training to Southeast Missourians in the gentle art of cooperation. They have come to like it. This training has borne fruit in the handling of their road building program.

The fact is that Southeast Missouri is seriously taking on the job of making a fine "homing country" as well as a fine farming country. The building of good roads is, therefore, a necessity.

The business of Southeast Missourians for the past score of years has not been mainly farming—it has been the manufacturing of farm land. It has been said there must be something wrong with Southeast Missouri because there is in it so much land for sale. If it were as good as claimed, no one would want to sell. One might just as well say if the Packard automobile were as good as advertised, the company would want to keep them all. It has been the business of Southeast Missourians to manufacture farm land instead of automobiles. They have manufactured more than they can farm. Naturally, some of it is for sale.

The progressiveness of Southeast Missourians is particularly exemplified in the organization known as the "Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau".

This organization is composed of about 1200 of the leading business men and farmers of the eight counties, who have united for the purpose of advertising the great agricultural resources of Southeast Missouri to farmers in less favored regions, and to promote the proper sort of im-

migration to Southeast Missouri.

This organization is unique in character, and during its period of operation of a little more than four years, it has of its credit a long string of accomplishments.

The Bureau maintains headquarters in Union State, St. Louis, and has in connection with the office an educational and comprehensive exhibit of the agricultural products of Southeast Missouri.

It required vision and no small amount of initiative on the part of the men who promoted this organization and caused it to be brought into existence.

This district is the only part of rural Missouri that has had a continuous increase in rural population during the past twenty years. An increase of 30 per cent in population during the past two years is indicated in a number of the counties.

Due to the large amount of excellent farming lands which have been reclaimed by drainage, there was no reason to expect that there would be any decline in the rural immigration to Southeast Missouri for a long time to come. But the leading citizens of this section were not satisfied to wait for this immigration, as it would have come in the ordinary way. They desired to encourage it and hasten the process. In this way they felt that the development that would be made in Southeast Missouri during the next twenty-five years could be made in a much shorter period. Consequently, the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau was formed. Agricultural exhibits were maintained and a large advertising program promoted.

In the spring of 1921, the preliminary organization was started. There was a desire on the part of the leaders of organization to install an exhibit of the agricultural products of Southeast Missouri in St. Louis, somewhere near Union Station.

A committee was appointed to look into the possibilities of this exhibit. This committee made several trips to St. Louis and made a thorough study of locations where such an exhibit could be installed to reach the most people.

It was during these visits that the committee learned of the vacancy of the old bar-room in Union Station. This space was secured and leased for a number of years.

It was through the spontaneous effort of many of the leading citizens throughout the Southeast Missouri district that a membership campaign was put on and a program of work outlined for a period of five years.

No outside solicitors or expert salesmen were employed to get the members. It was all done by home talent and through local interest in the proposition.

When the membership campaign was over about \$150,000 was subscribed to be spent in five annual installments, allowing about \$30,000 a year for the support of the organization.

Sixteen directors, two from each county, manage the affairs of the bureau. One of these directors is chosen by the County Farm Bureau Executive Committee from its members. The other is elected by the sustaining members of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau living in each county. This virtually makes every member of each of the county farm bureaus a member of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

The organization is financed by

three distinct classes of member ships. First, the land-owner member, who pays five cents an acre a year on all the land that he owns. Second, banks and corporations pay \$1.00 per year on each one thousand dollars capital stock. Third, individual members, such as doctors and lawyers, who do not own land, pay a minimum fee of \$5.00 a year.

The exhibit in Union Station is a part of the advertising campaign. Since it was opened, a little more than two years ago, the exhibit has entertained nearly 200,000 visitors. Advertisements have been run regularly in a goodly number of farm papers and newspapers throughout the country. These have brought into the Bureau Office a stream of mail inquiries, all of which have been answered and followed up by letters and attractive literature.

A number of exhibits of Southeast Missouri's agricultural products are installed each year at various state fairs and expositions.

More than a quarter of a million pieces of printed matter, telling about Southeast Missouri, have been distributed by the Bureau. The Bureau advertised throughout the south in 1922 the merits of Southeast Missouri as a cotton producing section. As a result of this about 20,000 people moved into Southeast Missouri during the later part of 1922 and the year 1923. It required over 3,000 new farm houses to take care of this added population.

Of course, not all of the land farmer by these newcomers was planted to cotton, but the excellent cotton growing conditions of Southeast Missouri were the chief attraction to these southerners who are coming in from the devastated boll weevil sections of the south.

Development in Southeast Missouri has been extremely interesting and adventurous. In a remarkably short time through the leadership and vision of her own men, Southeast Missouri, without government aid, has been transformed from a swamp of useless waste to a fertile farm land. It is a valley as rich as the Nile Valley, and destined to become as famous.

It still has the allurements of a new country and the conveniences of an old country. It has possibilities of crop diversity unique in American Agriculture.

It is where the North and the South overlap, and it comes very near living up to the slogan which has no inappropriately been adopted by it, namely, "Where Everything Grows".

Postmaster Examinations

Washington, February 17.—Civil service examinations will be held for postmasters of the third class on March 15 at East Prairie, Irondale, Matthews, Mountain View and Van Buren, Mo., and at Barry, Evansville, Hume, McLean, Rankin, Valley, Valer, Virginia and Waterman, Ill. On the same date examinations will be held for competitors for any office at De Soto, Poplar Bluff, Skeston and Willow Springs, Mo., and at Aurora, Bloomington, Cairo, Christopher, Hoopeston, Jacksonville, Pittsfield, Sparta and Tuscola, Ill.

Miss Annie Furuhjelm, leading Finnish suffragette member of the Rikstag, is making a determined fight for the repeal of the dry law in that country.

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NATION-WIDE PROFITEERING IN BREAD, REPORT CHARGES

Washington, February 19.—A report, charging nation-wide profiteering in bread and that creation of a "colossal bread trust is impending", was submitted today by Basil M. Manly, director of the People's Legislative Service, to Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, its chairman, and "other progressive Senators and Representatives".

The report recommended congressional action to "deflate bread prices and check the growth of the bread trust."

An investigation of wheat and bread prices showed, it was said that the American people are paying "a million dollars a day" too much for their bread. The average retail price of bread in the United States is 9 cents a pound, whereas on the basis of present wheat prices it should be 5 cents, the report said, adding that bread made with American flour is now selling in England at an average price of 4 cents a pound.

Asserting millers, bakers and retailers were all making "enormous" profits, the report cited as an example the General Baking Co., described as one of the two largest wholesale baking corporations in the country. As a result of the profits made by this company, it was said, "one dollar invested in its common stock in 1916 is now worth \$309."

Alleged "retailers' rings," said to be supported by the wholesale bakers either voluntarily or under threat of boycott, were declared to have suspended the law of supply and demand resulting in artificial bread prices in many cities.

Seeds and Feeds

The price paid by Missouri farmers for clover seed reflects the decreased acreage in clover last year and the unfavorable fall for harvesting seed, as shown in a late report issued by E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes, of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The January price of \$14 per bushel is 24 per cent above January, 1923, and 27 per cent higher than two years ago.

Timothy seed is up from last year 27 per cent and is 44 per cent above January, 1922.

Alfalfa seed, cowpeas and soybeans are also higher than a year ago.

Bran prices are higher than last year, following corn prices upward rather than wheat and flour downward.

Corn chops follow closely the course of corn prices and are 11 per cent above those of January, 1923.

Scotland is coming bravely into its own these days. One of the fascinating new turbans is nothing more nor less than a length of gay Scotch tartan in silk gathered into a big knot over the right ear.

In response to a question asked by Henry O. Martin of Alexandria, Virginia, the Missouri State Board of Agriculture has secured the following statement from Professor T. J. Talbert of the Missouri College of Agriculture concerning one of our native wild grapes: "The Muscadine Grape (*Vitis Rotundifolia*) is native to Southeast Missouri. It may be found growing wild in the woods of this part of the state. It has been found near Campbell, New Madrid and other towns in Southeast Missouri."

TWO ELOPMENTS OF STUDENTS DISCLOSED

Streets were slippery with an icy coating January 3, and the mercury was slipping toward zero, but this did not deter four young persons from slipping from their classrooms at Washington University and over to Greenville, Ill., and there slipping from the carefree students' lot into matrimony.

Louise and Margaret Bower, sisters, 22 and 20 years old, respectively, freshmen at Washington. Their home was in Ava, Ill., and they were staying with friends in Webster Groves while attending school. They had been "rushed" by the "Ph Phis," which sorority, according to campus gossip, "picked 'em along Ziegfeldian lines."

Gilbert Hyatt, 22-year-old senior, also lived in Illinois. He had known the Bower sisters before they entered Washington and he renewed the acquaintanceship when they appeared on the campus. Through Hyatt, Margaret met Perry Selby, 20, a sophomore in the Arts and Science Department, living with his parents at 6335 Waterman avenue.

On the return from the drive to Greenville, Margaret was Mrs. Perry Selby, and Louise had changed her name to Hyatt. The quartet returned to their respective classes next day. They disclosed their secret to no one and might still be going the rounds of classes and "hops" if the burden of marital responsibility had not led Perry Selby to appear "nervous" at home.

A week ago he was subjected to a parental "third degree" and confessed, involving the others. The young wives left school, Margaret received the blessing of Perry's parents and was admitted to the home.

Mrs. Hyatt has gone back to Ava, Ill., and will be joined by her husband following his graduation. Hyatt said today that "everything was lovely" and that the four principals and their families were happy. Selby also will finish this year's college work. After that, however, he will have to assume the responsibilities, the thought of which led to the revelation of the secret.—Post-Dispatch.

The Standard extends congratulations to the two couples, as the brides are well known in Skeston and Southeast Missouri.

Though she is past 76 years of age, Mrs. Joseph J. Tibbitts is active in the councils of the Yakima, Wash. Camp Fire Girls.

Men's wear striped silks make up into smart frocks, that are in demand from Southern tourists. They are made up along the simplest lines, just a deep hem at the bottom and five or six buttons up the front side in the hem. Short sleeves, a V-neck, buttons down front, a monogram below these and a sash are other interesting features of these new frocks.

What do you know about the industries in your own town? The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce has a plan of visiting some local industry or business concern each week after the noon-day luncheon and they find the plan both interesting and profitable. It helps to encourage and develop already existing industries and gives civic leaders an opportunity of knowing what is needed in the way of new industries.

In Memorium

Our whole community grieves with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Thacker in the loss of their child, Joseph Daniel, born March 4, 1919.

The Heavenly Father called unto himself the spirit of this handsome lovable, little boy on Saturday, February 16, 1924. This being the first break in the family circle. The friends, both old and young, who knew "Little Joe" loved him for his happy personality and will cherish the memory of a sturdy little pink cheeked boy who always smilingly returned everyone's greeting. Rev. Wright of the Trinity Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Walker, of the Baptist Church, conducted the services Sunday afternoon, February 17. At the conclusion of the service at the Methodist church, the funeral proceeded to the Morley cemetery, where, after a prayer service, the body was interred. Four young men, classmates of the older brother, Horace, acted as pall bearers. Besides the parents, there are two sisters and two brothers, Horace, Opal, Carl and Alma.

He is laid away, and sacred memory will cluster round him till his face we see until in robes of Angles purest white with harps swept by his little fingers blest, his smile will banish all the gloom of night and call us to the Fathers endless rest. Upon the shores of brighter endless day. He stands, he smiles and waves his hand and after we have quit lives weary way, will greet our baby in that better land.—A Friend.

Oran, Mo. Feb. 18, 1924

The Skeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

JUST OUT
New Victor Records
for Dancing

- So This Is Venice!
—Fox Trot
Learn To Do the Strut
—Fox Trot
- Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra
- Tripping Along
—Waltz
Arizona Stars—Waltz
- The Troubadours
- Oh, Baby!—Fox Trot
Holding Hands—Fox Trot
- Waring's Pennsylvanians

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New Victor Records
Once a Week
Every Week
Friday



May We Phone for Your Order Each Day?

If you wish and will instruct us to do so, we will gladly phone you each day for your Meat order and deliver it promptly.

Many of our customers have requested us to follow this plan—shall we add your name to this daily call list?

341—Phones—344

Andres Meat Market

Uptown and Frisco

LOOK!
Save A Dollar
Aluminum Paneled
Tea Kettles, full
5-quart.....\$1.00
Saturday Feb. 23rd
1:00 P. M.
PEEK'S VARIETY STORE
218 N. New Madrid St.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS
Cotton For All
Mr. Farmer, please make an effort to get all your tenants and employees to attend the Cotton Production Meeting, which will be held by I. P. Trotter, Cotton Production Specialist, University of Missouri. This meeting will be held Wednesday, February 27th, at 8:30 p. m. in the Malone Theatre at Sikeston. The picture will be over at that time so the entire house will be turned over to the farmers of Scott County. Think of the problems which have been bothering you. They will be answered in the talk as given by Mr. Trotter.
Nursing Course
The Home Care of the Sick Meeting held by Miss Stephens, representative of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Missouri, at Benton, Saturday, February 16, was a great success. Miss Stebbins served as a trained nurse in the World War, likewise, she has had a lot of experience in the leading hospitals in the United States. In her talk she outlined some of the disease carrying agencies, which we come in contact with each day. She also explained how these objectionable features could be overcome. There will be two schools, one at Commerce and one at Benton in order to train the ladies of Scott County, how to care for a sick patient. First aid treatment will also be discussed in these matters. Six ladies, two from three communities will receive the instructions, and in return they will instruct six additional ladies. The ladies will meet once a month and receive their training. Immediately following, they will call their class together and pass on this information.
Some time during July a county-wide meeting will be held in which all parties interested in this work will meet and discuss the work as accomplished. The ladies of the Benton Community, who are going to act as instructors are: Mesdames L. A. Schott, J. W. Hunter, O. L. Spencer, H. D. Rodgers, R. G. Allen and Fred Farris. Commerce will be represented by Mesdames Joe Ellis, P. J. Greer, Edward Mason, P. B. Held, Misses Alma Koch and Julia Ansel.

Miner Switch, Mo.
Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25-26, 1924
Cotton Tools and other Farming Implements and Tools of all kinds. Also Horses and Mules.
Will sell for cash to highest bidder. Sale starts promptly at 10:00 a. m.
A. J. MATTHEWS & CO., Inc.
R. A. McCORD, Auctioneer

Do You Ever Give Away Cotton?
How does that question strike you, Mr. Cotton Planter? Perhaps you think it is just 'Foolish Question No. 1001'. But things are not always what they seem. That question may come a whole lot closer home to you than you think now.
What would you think of a farmer who went to the trouble and expense of raising two whole bales of cotton and then at the end of the year had to pay some man \$3.05 to take them off his hands? You think of course, that no farmer would do so foolish a thing as that. Well, perhaps he wouldn't actually take two bales of cotton he had worked hard for and spent lots of money to produce and give them away with a \$3.05 bonus to the man who would take them. We guess not.
But do you know that the average cotton farmer of the United States has done the equivalent of just exactly that once every four or five years since 1900. Do you believe that? Well, believe it or not the U. S. Government figures prove it.
The important question to consider now though, is how to keep from doing that same thing over in the next five years or so. This is one of the questions vital to the cotton industry, which will be discussed at the Cotton Schools to be held by Ide P. Trotter, Extension Cotton Specialist, of the University of Missouri. These schools will be held at the following places on dates mentioned. Mark them with a red pencil on the calendar and don't be late. It is just the kind of information you have been looking for, so bring your whole family.
Kelso—February 26, 7:30 p. m., Dannemueller's Hall.
Fornfelt—February 26, 2:00 p. m., City Hall.
Commerce—February 27, 2:00 p. m., City Hall.
Belda—February 27, 7:30 p. m., School House.
Blodgett—February 28, 7:30 p. m., School House.
Chaffee—February 29, 7:00 p. m., City Hall.
Benton—February 29, 2:00 p. m., Court House.

Trustee's Sale
WHEREAS, Mae Gross Dillingham, her husband and Orville Dillingham, her husband, by their certain deed of trust dated the 1st day of January, 1922 and recorded in the Recorder's office of Scott County, at Deed Book 36 pages 585-588, conveyed to the undersigned H. D. Rodgers all their right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, viz:
Forty-five (45) feet off the west side of lot numbered nine (9) in lots one (1), two (2) and three (3) in Dan McCoy's subdivision to Trotter's addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Mo.
Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed described, and whereas the said note has become due and unpaid, and whereas interest on said debt is past due and unpaid, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I will proceed to sell the above described Real Estate at the Court House door in the City of Benton, in the County of Scott, State aforesaid, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on
Saturday, the 8th day of March, 1924 between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said note and interest together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.
H. D. RODGERS, Trustee.
Dated this 14th day of February, 1924.

Notice of Special City Election
Pursuant to an ordinance duly passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of said City, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the four different wards of said City of Sikeston on Tuesday the 4th day of March, 1924 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City a proposition that said City increase its indebtedness in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and that the said Board of Aldermen be authorized to borrow money and issue bonds in the said sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of constructing a sewer system in said City of Sikeston, Missouri.
The voting places in each of the four wards of said City of Sikeston, Missouri, on said date, will be at the following places:
FIRST WARD at the City Hall.
SECOND WARD at the Overland Garage.
THIRD WARD at the Guess Garage.
FOURTH WARD at the office of Russell Bros.
The polls will be open for receiving votes in said special election on the date hereinbefore mentioned at all the voting places prescribed herein from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon. Done by the order of the Board of Aldermen by an ordinance duly passed and approved on the 4th day of February, 1924.
AUDREY CHANEY, City Clerk.

Expert
Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing. Ladies' Bracelet Watches Repaired. Swiss and American Spectacle Frame Repairing. Broken Eye Glasses Duplicated. Diamond and Stone Setting. Remake over Wedding Rings. Stone Setting of all kinds. All kinds of Engraving on Jewelry, etc. Estimates cheerfully given on every job when taken in as to cost and time to repair.
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SIKESTON - MO.

WEDNESDAY
CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in
"A WIFE'S ROMANCE"
From novel "La Rubia" by H. W. Roberts
A cloud-burst of sunshine, rani bow colors. Love born of Heaven. Also NEWS
Admission 10c and 20c
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Admission 10c & 20c
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David Belasco's Stage Success
"THE GOVERNOR'S LADY"
By Alice Bradley
Does woman rule the Political Boss. Behind the scenes in politics. Man risen to power forgets woman who helped him to climb. Also Comedy and MUTT & JEFF.
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BUCK JONES in
"BIG DAN"
Also Episode 13 "THUNDERBOLT JACK".
Special Matinee 3:00 Adm. 10c and 20c—Night 6:30-8:00 Admission 15c and 25c
COMING—THOMAS MEIGHAN IN "PIED PIPER MALONE"

A Ten Dollar Bill
Isn't it worth as much to you as to any one else?
Under a new plan we save a lot of expense usually tacked onto the price of implements from the time they leave the factory till they reach the farmer's hands.
There is waste in the distribution of farm implements. Cooperation between manufacturer, dealer and farmer cuts out the needless expense. Your cooperation will help. We will save the waste and give you the savings.
Wouldn't ten or twenty or thirty or more dollars off the cost of your implements this Spring be worth investigating?
Especially implements that are better in Quality. Our implements are as fine a line as you may ever wish to see—improved designs—many new tools—a line recognized for years as Quality Implements—all at **Savings Offer Prices.**
Let's cooperate. See us at once for your Spring requirements.
FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY
Implement Department

Winter Sprays Kill Scale
Dormant sprays applied to Scott County orchards within the next few weeks are the only means of defense against widespread infestation by San Jose Scale, which can be applied in Scott County.
In the fall of 1922 the orchard survey included inspections of some 5540 acres of orchards of which 3, 122 acres or 56 per cent showed scale infestation. Most of this acreage, as a result of the scale control campaign, was given the dormant spray the following fall, winter or early spring. In the fall of 1923 most of this same acreage was again inspected and though 105 acres of previously uninfested orchards had become slightly infested during the year it was found that 550 acres of the badly infested orchards had been actually cleaned of scale. During the present dormant season the growers will clean up a much larger acreage.
The scale can be controlled successfully only by applying a strong scale spray while the trees are dormant. For this reason all growers whose orchards are infested with scale should spray thoroughly before the buds open in spring. Either liquid lime-sulphur or oil emulsions properly prepared and thoroughly applied will control the pest.
A leaflet covering the subject of dormant spraying has just been issued by the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, and may be obtained from your Farm Bureau office.
Poultry Culling
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Burke, of Benton, were assisted by Wm. Kraft and the County Agent in culling their flock of Rhode Island Reds. Mrs. Burke intends to get purebred roosters and also to remodel her poultry house.
With the proper care and management, the farmers of Scott County can increase their profits wonderfully, by giving more time and attention to the farm flock. Use chickens

Notice of Administration
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Sarah E. Shelby, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of February, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.
FRANK A. DENTON, Executor.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Probate Court of Scott County. (SEAL)
THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

MALONE THEATRE
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25
Nights 7:15 O'clock
Monday and Tuesday
Feb. 25-26
GLORIA SWANSON IN
"The Humming Bird"
Here's your biggest screen surprise—Gloria in trousers! See her first male characterization in this thrill-picture of a daring, cunning Apache who leads an amazing double life and mystifies the whole of Paris.
Also NEWS and Larry Semon Comedy—"BELL HOP".
Admission 20c and 40c
Bargain Matinee Monday Afternoon 3:00 o'clock 10c and 30c
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SHEIK CASE HEROINE DANCES WITH YOUTH

It's a far cry, as the saying goes, from a Cape Girardeau court room, where a stern judge is presiding at a trial of a case charging attempt to commit criminal assault, to a Jackson ball room, where Peg Meyer's Melody Kings are grinding out airs that make rheumatic feet feel like tripping the light fantastic. It's some leap from a witness stand in this same courtroom, where attorneys wring from witnesses denunciations and sensational charges and admissions, to the brightly lighted scene of terpsichorean pleasures. It sure is, And yet—

On Friday such a thing was witnessed by eyes that at first refused to believe what they saw and then, convinced, had to admit, "Well, I'll be darned."

It was none other than Gladys Mills, heroine of the recent "sheik" escapade in Cape Girardeau—the girl who leaped from an automobile to escape the attentions of two Charleston and two Jackson boys and called the police, bringing about the arrest of the youths and their subsequent trial in both city and state courts—who occupied the witness stand in court and said things that made the four accused young men writhe and turn red. What Gladys said, in telling her story, was enough to make it easy for the audience to identify the four youths she was talking about, even though they were mingling with many others near their age in the court room. What she said would have made a cigar store Indian hang his wooden head and blush.

The crowd in the court room saw Lillbourn Halley of Jackson cringe as if he had been prodded under the second rib with a hat pin.

But that was Friday morning. Friday evening is another story.

The scene is changed to the ball room at Jackson. The Melody Kings were hooping it up in the most approved style. Out on the floor glided a couple. A plump girl, cheeks rosy, eyes sparkling—looking as if she didn't have a care or an enemy in the world and as if she never had been in a court room—there was Gladys Mills, the same Gladys. But she wasn't telling the court about Lillbourn Halley this time. She was dancing with him.

And they made a good looking couple on the floor, as the other dancers quickly observed.—Cape Missourian.

MAN WHO KILLED COTTON REMOVED FOR SAFETY

Charleston, Mo., February 18.—The inquest in the case of J. J. Snipes, cotton buyer, shot and killed early Friday by George Beck, was held yesterday. Mrs. L. T. Joseph, the only eyewitness to the shooting other than Beck and his wife, testified that Beck called at her home and compelled her to go to his house at the point of a pistol, after severely beating her and threatening to kill her and his wife if they did not state that Snipes had Mrs. Beck out riding the night of the murder.

She also said he compelled Mrs. Beck to say she had had misconducted herself with Snipes. He then compelled both women, she testified, to go with him to the Snipes' home and knock on the door, awakening Snipes, who opened the door.

Mrs. Joseph told Snipes to go back and put on his coat, and as he turned to go upstairs, she said, Beck fired three shots. Mrs. Joseph testified that Beck was peddling whisky and that Snipes owed him for whisky.

Testimony of other witnesses accounted for Snipes being in the business section of town from 8:30 to 11 p. m. Thursday and his arrival at home a short time after 11 p. m.

The jury's verdict was that J. J. Snipes met his death from a gunshot wound through the body from the back, fired by Beck. "That the killing was a felony and unjustified," and recommended that Beck be held with out bond.

While the inquest was in progress Beck was taken to the Scott County jail at Benton, in order to avoid possible violence here.

M. C. Culp and H. M. Beckworth of Cairo, spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

E. J. Deal, R. B. Oliver, A. L. Hardy and Allen L. Oliver of Cape Girardeau and J. B. Stubblefield of Malden, attended the sale of A. J. Matthews & Co., here Tuesday.

COST OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO BE BUILT BY BOND ISSUE

Amount of the bond issue for sewers is \$100,000.

Cost to the individual will be three mills for each \$1.00 valuation or thirty cents for each \$100.00 valuation, per year, for a period of 20 years.

The above figures are arrived at, by assuming that the bonds will be 50 per cent, 20 year serial bonds, having an average maturity of about twelve years.

If you have property valued at \$1,000 your cost will be \$3.00 per year for 20 years or \$60 for the whole time.

Laterals to the main sewers to be built by tax bills: Total amount of the laterals \$80,000. Cost per square foot of property in the district six and a half mills. There is approximately 400 acres in the district, allowing 30 per cent as non-taxable, such as streets, alleys, etc., we have about 12,000,000 square feet taxable property, to pay \$80,000, which gives us .0065 per sq. ft.

A 40x150 lot contains 6000 square feet, at .0065 is \$39.00, total cost for that lot. This may be paid in cash or in ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR or FIVE years.

Total cost:
Cost under bond issue to man who has property valued at \$1000\$60.00
Cost under district for a 40x150 lot 39.00

Total\$99.00
Average cost per year for 20 years\$4.95

Consolidate Aid Released

Jefferson City, Mo., Februar 18.—The Supreme Court in banc released the \$288,000 state aid for the consolidated schools on February 13. This action was taken upon a writ of mandamus filed January 5 by eight consolidated districts upon the advice of State Superintendent Chas. A. Lee.

The money has been withheld due to a typographical error in the appropriation bill making Roman numeral IV read VI. In rendering the decision the court said:

"The fundamental rule to be observed is to ascertain and give effect to the purpose. Under that rule the Court may reject words and figures when necessary to give effect to the manifest intention of the farmers of the statute."

Judge J. C. Lescher is on the sick list this week.

Walter Matthews of Vanduser was a visitor here Wednesday.

Chas. Blanton, Jr., and S. N. Shepherd spent Tuesday afternoon at Benton on business.

Mrs. Mary Aydelotte, who has been the guest of Mrs. Maude Stubbs, left Sunday for Dexter.

Tom Jaden of Cape Girardeau, General Agent of Security Life Insurance Co., spent Wednesday in Sikeston.

A. L. Hardesty, President of the Liberty Life Insurance Company, of Cape Girardeau, spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kimes and daughter, Miss Mildred, are in St. Louis for a few days. Miss Mildred went to an specialist for her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews entertained with a 7:00 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sikes, Mrs. Ruth Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews.

Every section of this country feels the need for tax reduction. Regardless of politics we all must eat. Industry which furnishes employment must not be discouraged by tax burdens which curtail expansion and employment of more labor at good wages.

"Standing up for Missouri, giving preference to Missouri-made products is a principle that should become a habit, we are told" comments The Chronicle, published at Clark, Randolph County. "The reason Missourians have not been doing so," continues The Chronicle, "is because the Missouri manufacturers do their advertising in eastern publications and make no effort to cultivate the rich field around their doors. Ask the first forty people you meet to name ten Missouri-made articles and see if five of them can enumerate even one-half that number. This, too, in spite of the fact that in the manufacture of many staple articles, Missouri leads the world."

Very truly yours
STRATTON D. BROOKS,
Pres. Mo. State University."

If this work goes forward it will mean the establishment of cotton experiments in different parts of every county in the District. Different varieties of cotton will be grown on measured plots on various types of soil. Arrangements with farmers in the different communities will be made to carry out the work. Tests will be made with fertilizers. In fact, all phases of seeding, and cultural practices which the Extension Service deems advisable will be tried out. The work will be supervised by cotton specialists. Neighbors will be invited to these plots frequently to inspect the work as it progresses. The cotton grown on each plot will be carefully weighed and handled. When

Fascinating Spring Dress Styles



GLOVES that will be worn. Choose those you want at the following prices:
\$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00

For Afternoon
For Street Wear
For Business

Materials—Crepe Satin, Flat Crepe, Crepe De Chine, Satin, Georgette, Roshanara Crepe Roman.

Styles the Miss or Matron desires to complete her spring wardrobe are in this unusual group of dresses. Straight line frocks, waist line models, flare skirts, slight basques, full skirted dresses and some with panels, ruffles or laces, are included.

The colors one can easily find in the display are cocoa, almond green, gray, harvest shades, navy blue and black, all very new and very popular for spring time.

In All Sizes 14 to 46

THREE SPECIAL GROUPS

\$10.00 \$15.95 \$24.75

Others \$29.75 and up to \$59.75

HOSIERY

IN NEW SHADES

Just the color you want to match your new costume is here at the price you want to pay.

\$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00

Lehman-Foster Clothing Co.

LETTER FROM THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Extension Service To Go Forward With Cotton Experiment Fields

Word has been received at headquarters of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau that the State Agricultural Extension Service is to proceed immediately with the establishment of outlying cotton experiment fields in Southeast Missouri.

At a meeting of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau two weeks ago, the Bureau passed resolutions asking the Governor and President Brooks of the State University, to release \$5,000 of state funds, now held in reserve, for the purpose of establishing this experimental work. The following letter has just been received by the secretary of the Bureau:

"Unfortunately the Governor left Jefferson City before I was able to present to him the matter of funds which are now being held up. I feel, personally, that the necessity of taking immediate action on the work in cotton is so great that there can be no doubt about his ultimately releasing the funds. I have had a conference with Dean Mumford and we are agreed that under the present circumstances we should go forward at once with the experimental work in your section.

"I think it will not be necessary for you to present the matter in person to me, but I would appreciate having the resolutions presented to the Governor, because the decision we have made to go ahead will necessitate our appearing later before the Governor and justifying our course of action.

Very truly yours
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Alvin Taylor is in St. Louis attending the Automobile Show. There will be no school Friday as it is George Washington's birthday. Mrs. Ed Albright, who underwent a serious operation at St. Mary's Infirmary at Cairo, recently, is at home and getting along nicely. Miss Mildred Stubblefield was among the young ladies at Christian College, who received honorable mention for superior work at college. The Underwood Typewriter speed champion held a speed contest at the High School Wednesday morning. Manager Simpson of the Underwood Typewriter Co., of Memphis, was also present.

Mrs. M. E. Shuffit of Sikeston, Mo., who underwent an eye operation at St. Mary's Infirmary Monday is getting along nicely. Her son, George W. Shuffit accompanied her to Cairo. Cairo Citizen.

the first year's work is completed, the results will be published in bulletin form for the use of all farmers in the territory.

This is the first attempt at establishing any complete system of cotton experimental work in Southeast Missouri. The college of Agriculture has maintained an experiment field for cotton in Dunklin county for several years and the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College carried out some valuable experiment work during the past year. But the present plans call for the only extensive work of the kind done in the District. It will be extremely valuable to the farmers of this section.

Christian Church

Lord's Day, February 24, 1924.

Bible School—9:45 a. m.

"On Time" is our motto. 150 present is our aim. Let us not fall below that number. Come with a song upon your lips and a prayer in your heart.

Morning Worship—10:45 a. m. Subject, "The World's Greatest Book".

Christian Endeavor—6:30 p. m. This will be a service that you will enjoy. Come and bring a friend.

Evening Worship—7:30 p. m. Subject: "Starting Life Right".

Close the day right by worshipping God, who has preserved your life throughout the day, has blessed you with blessings without number.

Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is, that loveth me." John 15:21

You are welcome—come.

W. T. WALKER, Minister.

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Cairo Citizen.

STORY OF MARY GOLD, BY EMILY BLANTON

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Mary Gold. She was the King's daughter. She was very beautiful. The King loved his little daughter so much that he gave her a crown. He said to Mary Gold, "If you lose that crown I gave you, I will turn you into a statue to punish you." "But I won't lose it," said Mary.

One day Mary was playing in a big field where the grass was nearly as high as Mary. She had her crown on her head. Suddenly the crown slipped off of her head. It was gone. What could she do?

She knew she would be a statue. Her heart beat so loud that the King heard her. He came and said, "What is the matter?" Mary Gold said, "I have lost my crown." She cried and cried. There was nothing to do but to be changed into a statue.

The King said, "I am going to change you into a statue." "Please don't, cried little Mary. "Yes, I am," said the King, and in a moment Mary Gold was a statue. That night before the King went to bed he was sorry he had changed Mary into a statue because she was so cheerful. He decided he would change her back into a human, so he did and he said, "Mary, if you lost a million dollars, I would never change you into a statue again." So they lived happy ever after.

Mrs. Phronie Nelson spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

Statements are being sent to subscribers whose times have expired giving amount due to March 1, 1924. The management trusts prompt attention will be given same. We shall either collect a good many dollars within the next two weeks or will lose just that many readers.

Next Tuesday, February 26, is special election to pass on the Constitutional Amendments. Some of these probably have merit while some of them have not. It is believed that every one of them will be beaten. One of them is just one step from the Single Tax, another gives control of all schools to a head in Jefferson City. It should be beaten. The Amendment for soldier bonus should pass as it is right that the balance of the World War veterans should be paid a bonus. Not enough money was voted last time. Single tax out and vote for it. Vote "NO" on all others and you'll make no mistake.

Tom Scott of Benton was a Sikeston visitor Wednesday.

Dal Harness of Cape Girardeau, who is connected with the shoe factory, moved his family to Sikeston Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellis Sanders, who has been the guest of Mrs. R. C. Finley, is spending a few days at Bluffett before returning to St. Louis.

Buddie Matthews and his classmate, Ralph Valentine, of Ames, Ia., who were at home for a few days, returned to Western on Sunday night.

Dir you know that our own Kemper Military School at Boonville, is the largest military school and the oldest boys school west of the Mississippi river? A pioneer institution in its eightieth year, it is rated by the War Department as one of the ten Honor Schools of America. It also enrolls annually, four hundred boys from over twenty-five states, and has had but two heads in its eighty years of training boyhood. They were Col. F. T. Kemper, its founder, and Col. T. A. Johnston, its present Superintendent.

PLATFORM OF McADOO FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Chicago, February 19.—William G. McAdoo, in an address to the conference of his supporters here yesterday, outlined his presidential platform as follows:

1. To drive corruption out of Washington, mercilessly to investigate crookedness and graft no matter where it leads; relentlessly to punish all who have been guilty of wrongdoing and to remove from office incompetents, who for political reasons or otherwise have been put in places of trust and responsibility for which they are not qualified.

2. To call as promptly as possible, after March 4, 1925, a new international conference at Washington for the purpose of considering the economic and other conditions prevailing in the world with a view to such action on the part of the United States as will promote peace, reduce the burdens of armament, restore justice and stability and revive prosperity. Submission of the question of American participation in the program adopted by the conference to a referendum.

3. To take the grip of Wall street off the Treasury Department and off of the Federal Reserve System, to restore to the people democratic control of these great financial instrumentalities and to have them operated in the interest of the people instead of the interest of privilege as has been notoriously done for the last three years. No Wall street representative by residence, or by proxy, will be put at the head of the Treasury Department or at the head of the Federal Reserve Board.

4. To repeal the obnoxious and indefensible Fordney-McCumber tariff bill.

5. To bring about prompt railroad reforms and to settle the railroad problems.

6. To do something instead of talk for agriculture. The farmers have been bilked under the Fordney-McCumber tariff law and under the Esch-Cummins railroad law.

7. To enforce the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof.

8. To reduce internal revenue taxes to the lowest limit compatible with Government honesty and efficiency conducted.

9. Federal constitutional amendment prohibiting child labor.

10. To secure legislation establishing a decent living wage standard and appropriate tribunals for maintaining peace in industry.

11. To clean out the Veterans' Bureau, to administer it honestly and efficiently.

Helps of a Sewer System

1. A sewer system will help to get full benefit out of the water system.

2. Allows the abandonment of cess pools and privies.

3. Helps toward a general cleanup of the town.

4. It dries the soil and that has an important bearing on health.

5. It reduces the deaths from typhoid, probably 50 per cent.

6. In some towns it reduces the tuberculosis death rate 50 per cent.

7. It results in saving money, because it is the cheapest way to dispose of sewage.

8. It increases the value of property drained.

9. It increases the property again by attracting the right people and industries to the town.

Tom Scott of Benton was a Sikeston visitor Wednesday.

Dal Harness of Cape Girardeau, who is connected with the shoe factory, moved his family to Sikeston Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellis Sanders, who has been the guest of Mrs. R. C. Finley, is spending a few days at Bluffett before returning to St. Louis.

Buddie Matthews and his classmate, Ralph Valentine, of Ames, Ia., who were at home for a few days, returned to Western on Sunday night.

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PLANS WAREHOUSE AT BIRDS POINT

Plans for the erection of a warehouse at Birds Point by the St. Louis & Tennessee River Packet Company were announced Monday by representatives of the company who were in Charleston making preliminary arrangements for the project. The company is planning to erect the building immediately, so that freight service between St. Louis and Bird's Point may be established when the company's boats begin their regular weekly service in the spring.

According to information given the Enterprise-Courier by representatives of the packet company, they realize the fact that a large river freight business may be built up by the erection of the new warehouse, giving packet freight service to Charleston, Sikeston, East Prairie, Diehlstadt, Bertrand and other towns connected with Bird's Point by hard roads and a big saving in freight rates will result when the new service is inaugurated. It was pointed out that business houses in these towns can send trucks to the warehouse regardless of weather conditions at slight expense, and that the cost of transportation from St. Louis to Bird's Point with the drayage expense from the landing will be much less than rail freight charges are at present.

The plan is that the warehouse will be erected on the Skyles property, just east of the concrete road at Bird's Point. The company has arranged to secure a lease on this land and the warehouse will be built of sufficient height to be above high water, being located outside the levee. While here, the company's representatives made inquiry of county officials as to whether their boats could land on the concrete road incline and were informed that this is a public wharf and that it might be used. The company had previously been informed, it is said, that the landing privilege was an exclusive one with the Cairo-Bird's Point ferry service, but this was branded as false by county officials, who told the river men that the county owns a strip eighty feet wide extending down to the water's edge and that this wharf is open to all vessels as a public landing.

The St. Louis & Tennessee Packet Company operates boats on regular schedules between St. Louis and Riverton, Ala. It is rumored that it is planning a service between St. Louis and Memphis, Tenn., also, in which event wholesalers in the latter city will be placed on an equality with those of St. Louis, so far as local shipments are concerned.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

NEWS FROM OUR READERS AND FRIENDS IN THE WEST

Mrs. C. L. Blanton received an interesting letter from Mrs. Vernon Vaughn, who is living in Colton, Calif. Among the things she wrote, were the following items:

Misses Irene Hollister and Goldie Fowler and Dr. Anderson motored down from Los Angeles on Tuesday, the 12th, for a visit with Sikeston friends.

Miss Helen Harbin spent last week-end with Mrs. J. W. Marshall and family of 544 N. 8th st.

Cards have been received from Tacoma, Wash., announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Greer, who has been named David Jackson.

She also writes that the weather has been very delightful and that her children are as brown as the Mexicans. Mrs. Vaughn's mother, Mrs. Lou Greer, has been with them since the first of the year. While they have not been homesick, they always look forward to getting The Standard.

Mrs. Lyon Schreff is visiting in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Lucy McCutchen has returned to her home at Malden, after several days visit with her son, O. W. McCutchen and family. Little Betty McCutchen returned with her grandmother for a visit.

The managers meeting of the Union Electric Light & Power Co. of the Southeast Missouri Division, was held at the Missouri Public Utilities office at Sikeston Wednesday. Those present were: H. B. Newman and Louis Boulligny of Cape Girardeau, R. S. Battles of Senath, J. W. Sayres and A. L. Hall of Poplar Bluff, R. B. Boyce and D. D. Hill of Charleston, Perry of St. Louis and C. E. Brenton of Sikeston.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom
Scott as a candidate for the nomina-
tion of Sheriff of Scott County, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
August primary.We are authorized to announce F.
K. Sneed of Claiffee for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.We are authorized to announce
Parm A. Stone of Skeston for Sher-
iff of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.We are authorized to announce L.
P. Guber of Vanduser for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce
Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for
Assessor of Scott County, subject to
the will of the Democratic voters at
the August primary.We are authorized to announce
Geo. C. Bean, of Illinois, for assessor
of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.

CHIEF OF POLICE

We are authorized to announce W.
R. Burks for Chief of Police of Sike-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
H. Hayden, for Chief of Police, of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
B. Randol for Chief of Police of Sike-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.We are authorized to announce Bill
Carson for Chief of Police of Sike-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

POLICE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce Jos.
W. Meyers for Police Judge of Sike-
ston, subject to the will of the voters
at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
C. Lescher for Police Judge of Sike-
ston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

CITY COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce S.
N. Shepherd for City Collector of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.

NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G.
F. Deane, of Matthews, as a candi-
date for Sheriff of New Madrid Coun-
ty, subject to the will of the Demo-
cratic voters at the August primary.

Why Bootleg Cotton?

By R. H. French

The soil and climate of Southeast
Missouri and Northeast Arkansas are
well adapted to the raising of good
commercial inch to inch and a six-
teenth cotton. Cotton of this charac-
ter is desirable and makes an almost
universal appeal to the spinners of
the world.Through the untiring efforts of a
few and at no little expense inferior
cottons have been practically weeded
out of this territory during the last
several years. The result is that cot-
ton grown here has an establishedreputation for quality and commands
the respect of the cotton world. Con-
sequently, our section is unique as a
premium market over almost any
other part of the country and this ad-
vantage is reflected in the price to
the grower.There are a number of varieties of
cotton which are responsible for and
are at present sustaining our reputa-
tion for quality, chief among which
are Express, Delfos 6102, Acala No.
5, Improved Mebane, Wannamaker-
Cleveland, Trice and a few others of
that character. These cottons have
been developed through the pains-
taking efforts of the best cotton
breeders of the country. These cot-
tons are early maturing, yield well,
duce good lint out-turns and are
excellent in character and staple.
They have proven their value and
should not be lightly discarded. In
fact, it would seem a dangerous pro-
cedure to turn from cottons of es-
tablished merit to cotton of doubtful
percentage and uncertain posterity
which, at best, never emerge beyond
the twilight zone of respectability.By this, reference is, of course,
made to the so-called varieties of
half-and-half which might be more
appropriately termed the "maver-
icks" of the cotton family. The best
information indicates there is no
definite half-and-half variety but that
the cotton usually sold under that
name is simply cotton grown on the
depleted and impoverished soils of
the hill sections of the Cotton Belt.
The soil is so poor the cotton is
stunted and the fiber produced is
more fuzz than lint. It is not even
recognized by the United States Gov-
ernment as being cotton. It is not
tenderable on future contracts and
is in bad repute with all intelligent
cotton buyers.Experiment station bulletins show
that this so-called cotton is uncertain
in its production, is not extra early
maturing, will not grow as much seed
cotton per acre as the standard vari-
eties we have been using, will not
show the lint percentage claimed for
it and is 'way down the list in total
money value.The history of the cotton will
show that invariably when introduced
into a new territory it sooner or
later brings all the cotton grown
there in disrepute and not only pen-
alizes the grower but the whole sec-
tion. In seasons of normal supply
this cotton is practically unsalable
and can only be disposed of in dis-
guise to uninformed and inexperi-
enced cotton buyers.Its history will also show that this
cotton never repeats. That when ex-
tensively planted in a territory the
results are so unsatisfactory every
effort is made to get rid of it as
quickly as possible. In fact, it is
only a deteriorated and degenerated
imitation of cotton which is grown on
poor, worn-out soils which have not
fertility enough to grow any better.The supply of cotton seed of this
so-called variety seems never to be
exhausted. In fact, it can be bought,
in run, in unlimited quantities at
moderate prices in almost any hill
section during the active cotton sea-
son. So, in the name of common
sense, why should you pay fancy
prices for it? Why give someone an
exorbitant profit? Money spent that
way will never come back as easily
as it went.It is possibly true that stuff grown
from this seed when planted in our
rich, alluvial soil will, in the course
of a few years take on the character
of cotton but in the meantime you
run the risk of damaging yourself
and your neighbors.Why do something you might re-
gret? Why run the risk of having to
bootleg your cotton?Why do something you might re-
gret? Why run the risk of having
to bootleg your cotton.Our favorable climate and fertile
soil enables us to grow a character
of cotton that few sections can pro-
duce. Common sense would indicate
that it would be more profitable in
the long run to stick to the standard
varieties of cotton that have given
us a reputation and which we, among
the few, can successfully produce,
rather than throw the bars down to
nondescript cotton of a character
that would throw us in direct com-
petition with a large part of the Cotton
Belt. Consult your County Exten-
sion Agent. Write any Agricultural
Experiment Station in the South for
advice.

New "Staff of Life" From Soybean

The white loaf of the present day
is not the "staff of life" that bread
was when this proverbial phrase was
coined. To correct a deficiency of
protein in white bread the Linneus
County Soybean Growers Association of
Linneus, Missouri, recently induced
the baker of this County Seat town
to use the new soybean flour in his
Friday baking. Customers were at
first slow to buy this new cream
colored loaf. When put to the "test
of taste" it won the admiration of
every customer in the city of Linneus.
On Saturday within thirty min-
utes after the baking of soybean
bread was removed from the oven, it
was all sold and customers stood
waiting in line for a serving.The baker asked the County Agri-
cultural Agent, J. Robert Hall, to
explain why this bread was so much
better. Upon analyzing it the pro-
tein content was found doubled, ash
increased materially and fat content
more than twice as high as in white
bread. This improved the modern
"staff of life" at little or no increase
in the cost to the consumer.Its popularity has grown and
spread rapidly. This nationally
known Association of farmers has
had many calls for information as to
how this nutritious bread is made
and how they obtain the bean flow-
er. Six other places in the State
have started using it. At a State
meeting recently held it was served
as the main course of a luncheon. It
is credited with properties that will
revise the health of heavy bread
eaters.Much praise is given this organi-
zation, the first of its kind in the
United States which has as its
object the production of a superior
variety of this new bean, the Morse,
for feeding all classes of livestock.—
The Bulletin, Linneus, Mo.The next date for the organization
of new classes at the Chillicothe Busi-
ness College is March 3rd. Students
may best enter then upon Bookkeep-
ing, Banking, Stenographic, Tele-
graph and Civil Service courses.A matter of universal interest to
Missourians is the fact that the
Mark Twain Memorial Park is now
assured. Enough funds have been
subscribed by the public to secure the
fine old tract of one hundred acres
located at Florida, Monroe County,
where the famous humorist was born.
It is hoped that the state legislature
will make an appropriation for its
improvement and upkeep.According to investigations made
by the State Board of Health, trach-
oma is the primary cause of twenty
per cent of blindness in Missouri.
When one considers that in 1920
there were 2226 totally blind persons
in the state, to say nothing of the
thousands with partially defective
vision, these figures on trachoma be-
come of vital importance. This dis-
ease is preventable and curable, and
the establishment of a state hospital
at Rolla for its control is a forward
step of much value in protecting the
citizens of Missouri from such a
menace.POLITICAL LETTER
FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. February 20.—

There was a notable gathering in
the great banquet hall of the Wal-
dorf-Astoria the other night in New
York. In the great modern Babylon,
the vast and wealthy metropolis of a
fertile land, hundreds gathered who
represented every form of wealth and
opulence ever envisioned in the wild-
est dreams of a Croesus or a Midas.
There were gathered the members
and connections of the houses of Bel-
mont, Mellon, Morgan, Rockefeller,
Whitney, Vanderbilt, Astor, and so
on down the list. "A thousand
bright lamps shone o'er that high
festival". They were gathered ostensibly
for the purpose of honoring the
birthday of Abraham Lincoln the
rail splitter! In very fact, they were
there for the purpose of drawing over
and around their myriad diamonds
and their coarse wealth the worn
homespun mantle of a man of the
plain people, a backwoodsman, a
patriot, a man who had known what
it was to hunger and to suffer, a
man who had no sympathy with them
or their kind while he lived, and who
would doubtless turn over in his
grave if he could know that his name
and his faith were being used to bol-
ster up for awhile the sinking for-
tunes of the party of privilege, of
craft, of tax immunity, of special
legislative favors; the party led and
managed by a new aristocracy based
neither upon blood nor merit; but
upon the sordid greed of Big Money.There was feasting and speech-
making, and a myriad of flunkies
waited on fat men in full dress and
highly decorated women covered with
diamonds, and Senator Wadsworth,
elected to his job because he belong-
ed to the moneyed aristocracy of the
State, called up the shade of Lincoln
to witness the purity of the party
which elected him to the White House
many years ago. There is a story in
the Bible of how Saul called up the
spirit of his departed friend Samuel
with sad results, for when the spir-
it of Samuel arose he told his friends
some very unpleasant things. Could
the great commoner, Lincoln, have
stalked into the assemblage at the
Waldorf-Astoria he might have had
some caustic comments to make.Could he possibly have recognized his
party? Could he have endorsed any-
thing which that party has done in
the last forty years? Would he have
recognized as a member of his party
Mrs. August Belmont, wife of the
famous owner of many race horses,
who took a little time from writing
checks for organizing the woman
vote to read that famous Lincoln
speech at Gettysburg. In that speech
seemed to be doubtful if a country
based on the simple principles of
liberty, equality and justice could
long endure. How much more doubt-
ful would he be if he could stand un-
observed in a corner of that banquet
hall and have pointed out to him the
men who now control the destinies of
the party which once was his, with a
few brief words as to the history and
record of this, that and the other
one? Could it be that he dimly fore-
saw this vast change in the control of
the Republican party of that older
day when he uttered that great hope
that government of the people, for
the people and by the people might
not perish from the earth?An expert on income taxes has
figured out for the Washington News
that Secretary Mellon would save a
vast sum of his own taxes if Con-
gress should enact into law the legis-
lation which Mr. Mellon considerably
drew up for the legislative body. This
expert figures it that Mr. Mellon's
tax payable this year would be \$1-
101,440 under the existing law, but
that it would be only \$597,800 if the
'Mellon Plan' were to become law. Is
it any wonder the amiable and disin-
terested Secretary of the Treasury
should favor his own plan? Is it any
wonder that his wealthy friends
should also look kindly upon the plan
and have all their clerks write let-
ters to their Congressmen urging the
adoption of this great and patriotic
reform measure? As this date, how-
ever, it looks like the million stamps
and barrels of ink are wasted, for
Congress is getting ready to adopt
the Democratic substitute, which
would give Mr. Mellon and his mil-
lionaire friends much less reduction of
tax and would give to the smaller
taxpayer much greater relief than
would the Mellon plan.Judge Ewin L. Davis of Tennessee
has introduced a resolution for the
investigation of the Shipping Board.
Judge Davis, one of the ablest mem-
bers of the House, has specialized in
Shipping Board affairs and it is per-
fectly evident that he has a well-de-
fined idea as to where to find certain
fined idea hold of this rotten hulk
or else the resolution would not have
been presented to the House. The
Shipping Board is paying such salar-

13 TAX DANGERS 13

AMENDMENTS 12, 13 and 14

IT'S UP TO YOU ON FEB. 26, MR. VOTER
THINK BEFORE YOU ACTAMENDMENT NO. 13, if adopted will undoubtedly bring a heavy burden of in-
creased taxes on Owners of Farms and Homes throughout Missouri.AMENDMENT No. 13 means exactly what it says—It permits and provides for
the separation an classification of all kinds of property for purposes of taxation. Who is
going to classify your property? Which class will you be put in? What will you have to
say about it? To what Agency can you appeal for relief? That's the Bug under the chip.THIS AMENDMENT tends to destroy the principle of equality and uniformity in
taxation as provided in our present constitution. It proposes to create a privileged class,
so that the rich owner of bonds and mortgages will pay only a ridiculously small frac-
tion of the tax rate that the farmer and owner of the city real estate will have to pay.AMENDMENT No. 13 also provides that Automobiles shall be subject to License
Taxes in addition to the general property taxes paid on them.IN AMENDMENT No. 13 also lurks more serious dangers to the tax-payer than in
ALL the other 20 amendments combined. Capable authorities on the subject of taxation
unhesitatingly say it leads us to the very door of the Single Taxers Program.This same classification issue, advocated by the Single Taxers was de-
feated in Ohio by more than 100,000 votes, and was also defeated in
Kansas, Illinois and Iowa.NOT SINCE 1875—49 years ago, have Missouri citizens come face to face with a
matter of such grave importance as confronts them on February 26th election.OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTION built by men of wisdom has served us well, and
is flexible enough in its provisions to permit any increase in tax burdens we may desire.
Why change?AMENDMENT No. 12 is also a TAX INCREASE measure, and No. 14 if adopted
abolishes the present State Board of Equalization, destroying the only Constitutional
tribunal to which the tax-payers can appeal for justice..

Remember This

AMENDMENTS CANNOT BE DEFEATED by staying away from the polls. The
Single Taxers and others who want them to pass will be there and vote early.HOME OWNERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF ALL KINDS, every farmer and
every farmer's wife and every automobile owner should vote, AND VOTE NO. Don't
forget the numbers.Scratch YES, Vote NO on Amendments
12, 13 and 1413 BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY 13
TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Election February 26

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Missouri Tax Payers' Protective League
St. Louis, Missouriles to party favorites as were never
heard of in the land, is so managing
its affairs the most of the shipping
lies rotting at anchor, and is covering
its tracks so deeply that it is not
possible, through ordinary means, to
find out what the Board is doing or
not doing, hence the resolution to
provide a way to dig out the facts. It
is fairly safe to advise the purchase
of gas masks before the fun begins.Mr. Stengle of New York has
finally forced the Republican leaders
to get up on the floor of the House
and admit the complete failure of
their much-heralded Reclassification
Scheme for Government workers. Mr.
Lehlbach, father of the law, had to
admit its entire miscarriage and to
proclaim its administration under
Herbert D. Brown, a travesty on the
law. It seems certain that Brown
and his bureau will be abolished and
the work put back under the Civil
Service Commission, where it be-
longs.The handkerchief today has grown
more giddy in coloring and has be-
come an important article of dress.
Debutantes are fastening their hand-
kerchiefs to small rings, which they
wear upon the little finger.Portage des Sioux, once a quaint
old French village around which
much the romantic pioneer history of
St. Charles County was centered, is
now a sleepy river hamlet of scarcely
more than its early population. But
around it is a wonderful tract of al-
most virgin forest with many kind
of shrubs including Missouri's state
flower, the hawthorne. This area of
overflow land has been favorably
mentioned for an ecological park.Ruth St. Denis, the noted dancer,
will open free dancing classes for
poor children in New York City and
Los Angeles.Many of the early settlers of Jef-
ferson County literally 'earned their
salt by the sweat of their brows'
since salt making was an 'important
pioneer industry. While Missouri
was still a part of the territory ruled
by Spain, Thomas Jones, a salt mak-
er, settled near Kimmswick and es-
tablished a small colony, as early as
1779.Philadelphia girls have the small-
est feet of any girls in the United
States, while Chicago lassies still
lead in the largest sizes.Of interest to those who are look-
ing toward the development of Mis-
souri's water-power resources, is
the proposed 100-foot dam, now pend-
ing federal approval, which would
be located on the Osage river, eight
miles above Bagnall. This engineer-
ing project would develop over 50,
000 horsepower and create a lake 125
miles long.

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Telephone 8

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ter place your order now.ACALA NO. 5 Pedigreed, Certified, Re-cleaned, Fumigat-
ed—Direct from Breeding Plots.PURE DELFOS 6102 Re-cleaned, Fumigated.
Pure Trice—Rowden—Wannamaker Cleveland
Also Selected Home Grown Acclimated Seed For Sale
See Us For OAT and CLOVER SEED.

Sikes-McMullin Grain Co., Skeston, Mo.

1923 Personal Taxes Are Delinquent

I have the 1923 delinquent Personal taxes
to collect. They must be paid on or before
the first of March, otherwise other means will
be taken to collect same.C. L. BLANTON, JR.,
Deputy Collector

Richland Township Tax Payers Notice

THE KEVIL-KENDALL WEDDING WEDNESDAY

Miss Gladys Kendall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Kendall, Wednesday, became the bride of James S. Kevill, Secretary of Sikes-McMullin Grain Co., the ceremony taking place at the Kendall home on South Kings-highway at 12:30 p. m.

A bower of ferns and smilax, flanked by tall baskets of jonquils, was built in a large window alcove and there, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, Rev. T. B. Mather officiated, using the ring ceremony.

Promptly at 12:30 sounded the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Audrey Chaney, and down the long stairway came the bride, preceded by her only attendant, Miss Irma Wilson. The groom and his brother, David B. Kevill, entered from the dining room.

Miss Wilson's gown was fashioned of Cocoa Canton Crepe with a large square pertha of Point Venise and Irish lace. Her hat was of brown moire ribbon. She carried Ophelia roses and wore a Santoir with amber pendant, her gift from the bride.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of copper hue tulle, elaborately embroidered with dull gold silk. The frock was lined with flesh colored charmeuse. The waistline was finished with a girde from which fell a graceful drapery of gold beaded crepe. Her hat was a small Cloche of copper tulle with trimming of dull gold roses and leaves. Other accessories were in corresponding tones. She carried a shower bouquet of Killarney roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the dining room, which was decorated with yellow tulips. A two-course luncheon was served.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. F. Crider, of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. T. W. Gallaher, of St. Louis sister and niece of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Kevill and daughters of Malden.

The newlyweds left on the afternoon train for the sunny south, the bride wearing an extremely becoming traveling dress of Poudre blue crepe and navy green with a small hat of the same blue shade.

They plan to be away for several weeks, spending first a few days in Memphis before going to Shreveport for a short visit with Mrs. Crider. Their ultimate destination is Miami, Florida, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Woods, of St. Louis, who are spending the winter months at their cottage. Mrs. Woods is a sister of the groom.

Upon returning to Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Kevill will begin housekeeping in the new home on Gladys street.

Miss Effie Giles of St. Louis will be the guest of Mrs. Roy V. Ellise next week.

Miss Millie Wes Sutton of St. Louis will be the guest of Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson and Mrs. Roy V. Ellise next week.

This certainly has been a he-winter up to this time with another month to go. It may be that the scandals in the Republican high ranks have had something to do with it.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Master Lowell Wafford, of the Eighth grade, won first place in the essay contest given by the People's Bank of Morehouse. Lowell is 14 years of age. The essay on which he won ten dollars, was very unusual for a young boy. The subject of the essays was a picture on the Bank's calendar depicting Washington talking to a group of people. Below the picture is written the motto: Economy makes sound nations and homes; instill it deep. Wavell Starks, age 12, of the seventh grade won second prize, amounting to five dollars. Mildred Sincampe of the eighth grade won third place, amounting to two dollars and fifty cents.

Taylor Todd is sick with the influenza.

Misses Vera Edwards and Eva Taylor left for St. Louis Thursday night.

Russell Leming, Loren Blaylock and Oral Flannery attended a dance at Charleston last Friday night.

John Dunafree went to Poplar Bluff Tuesday on business.

Fred Weber of Cairo, Illinois, visited friends in Morehouse, Wednesday, on his way to Gideon.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, met at the home of Mrs. W. R. Griffin on Thursday and tacked a comfort.

The Triangle Club will give a dance at the Club rooms. Fishers' orchestra of Cape Girardeau will furnish the music.

Mrs. H. L. Newcomer gave a social party, Tuesday night, which was attended by a large number of guests. The refreshments were a near-banquet, which attested to Mrs. Newcomer's reputation as being one of the best connoisseurs in Southeast Missouri.

Mrs. Harry Fox was shopping in Sikeston Monday.

Ernest Crumpecker attended the Automobile Show in St. Louis, Monday and Tuesday.

The Sunday school classes of Mrs. Dunaway and Mrs. Edwards will hold a candy sale, Friday.

Rev. Doss, Mr. Parrish and others have been enjoying duck hunting since the ducks came in.

Bert Rowe of Charleston spent Wednesday in Sikeston on business.

The W. B. A. regular meeting will be held at their hall on Monday night of next week.

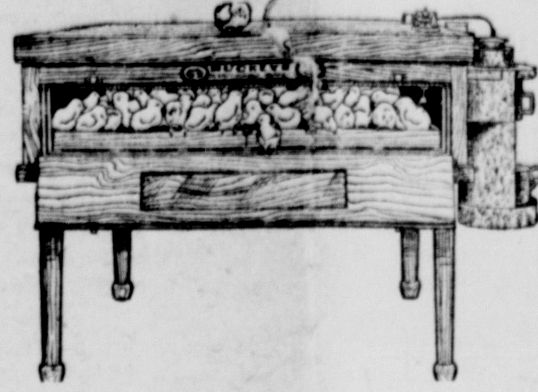
Miss Catherine Smith of Cairo will be the week-end guest of Misses Myra and Burllee Tanner.

Mrs. A. F. Krieder, who was a guest at the Kevill-Kendall wedding, left Wednesday night for her home at Shreveport, La.

Joe Griffith, maintenance officer of the Highway Department for Stoddard County and stationed at Dexter, visited homefolks in Sikeston Sunday.

Many in Sikeston thought it just possible that it would be a double wedding, but we suppose cold feet was the cause. Just who had the cold feet we would not like to say.

Thursday evening of next week the Eastern Star Chapter will hold their regular meeting. It had been the expectation of the Eastern Star to entertain the Masons at this meeting, but the entertainment will be deferred to a later date.



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Seven Sizes—60 eggs to 600. Come in and see how they work.

Farmers Supply Co.

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Gloria Fooled Them

Miss Swanson is the star of the Paramount picture, "The Humming Bird," coming to the Malone Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

They told Gloria Swanson she never could do it.

"Why, my dear," explained a studio chum, "you simply haven't the looks for it. You've a beautiful classic face with regular features, a complexion like wax and a figure—! You're just the ideal Mack Sennett bathing girl and you'd best resign yourself to toiling about the California beaches the rest of your movie days."

That's what Miss Swanson's fellow-Sennettite told her in the days when Gloria was the chief reason why Mack is called the "Ziegfeld of the Movies."

But fortunately, Miss Swanson didn't listen to her—at least she did not take her friend seriously. For already this strikingly beautiful Chicago girl, who had come to California and broken into pictures via the comedies had ambitions to succeed in the serious drama.

"I was never happy in comedy," Miss Swanson explained recently, when she was in New York on a brief vacation. "I had come to Los Angeles to do drama. I had been working in comedy at the Essanay studio in Chicago and didn't like it. But I did like motion pictures and I wanted to succeed. When I came to the West Coast and found the only available opening was in comedy, I turned it down at first. Any way I thought it over, I decided any way of breaking in was better than no way and took the job."

It was not long before the producers began to agree with Gloria Swanson. Though she could pose superbly in a bathing suit, they discovered that she could wear the most exquisite Parisian models of evening dresses with the grace of a professional model and possessed the poise and bearing of a society dame. Moreover, they found that this eager woman with her expressive black eyes and ivory complexion was a real actress.

So Miss Swanson's opportunity to rise into the serious drama came quickly, and she seized it with both hands.

J. H. Barnett went to Himgel, on business, Thursday.

Miss Bonnie Keith of Cape Girardeau will be the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

J. B. Stubblefield of Malden is the guest of A. J. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malone were Sunday visitors at Benton.

J. H. Galeener is back from a business trip to Jonesboro, Ark.

S. M. Dailey of Vanduser was a visitor at The Standard office, Thursday.

Allen Harrison has returned to St. Louis after spending a few days here.

O. L. Clem and C. E. Hill of Booneville, Ark., are spending a few days in Sikeston on business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
We are authorized to announce Clyde Demaris, as candidate for Collector of Revenue of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

FOR SALE—Lot 20, blk. 12, Chamber of Commerce addition.—Hahs Machine Works.

WANTED—White girl for general house work. For information call Mrs. P. M. Gervig, phone 146.

WANTED—Men to sell the Kitchen Comfort Range Stove at \$59.50. Best price since 1910.—L. W. Richardson, Dexter, Mo. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—1 1/4 acres, good 6-room house, some out buildings, plenty of fruit on place, on Northwest Street, near the Fair Grounds. See Elmer Caldwell, Sikeston, Mo. Box 546 3tp.

WANTED—A position as foreman or laborer, on farm. Have had fourteen years experience in cotton production. One year in this district. Reference given.—Geo. W. Anderson, Sikeston, Mo. tf.

WANTED—A girl for general house work. Apply at The Standard office.

FOR RENT—230 acres of good cotton and grain land adjoining Dudley, Mo. Three sets of improvements.—Elvin Smyth, Dudley, Mo. tf.

LOST—Morning of February 5, between Gresham's residence and Frisco station, a purse or bill folder, containing some one dollar bills and silver amounting to about \$8. Folder contained name of "Lola Riggs". Call Mrs. Gresham if you can give information.

Maintaining The Balance

CRITICISM sometimes advanced against efforts to reduce the cost of production of farm products is that such efforts create surpluses that leave the farmer in worse shape than he was before. The question may then be asked, would it not seem desirable to hold back on the adoption of improved methods or increased efficiency, and substitute therefore controlled production with lessened competition. The answer is simple—such a course is contrary to the economic law that applies to every phase of human activity. Just as competition in the business world compels adjustment to changing conditions and methods of production, so does competition in farming necessitate a balance in production.

It may be granted, therefore, that improved methods, whether it be the more efficient use of labor or capital, or both, will increase production, and that increased efficiency may divert more people from the production of necessities to the production of luxuries. There is nothing to be alarmed at in such a movement. There is practically no limit to the amount of luxuries we can consume, whereas there is a very practical limit to the amount of food we can eat.

Meanwhile, the opportunity for the individual to excel is always present. All men are not made in the same mold. In a recent survey of farm income on 207 farms in Calhoun County, Iowa, 30 farmers made \$2,000 or more, 30 farmers made \$500 or less, and 6 failed to have anything to show for their labor and management at the end of the year. Probably the human element was a bigger factor in the wide variation than size of farm or natural fertility.

The distress of one-crop farmers leads to diversification and prosperity. Thus a balance in production is obtained, but these farmers who diversify and adopt improved practices before compelled to by necessity will find themselves above the average in their economic position. Surpluses today vanish tomorrow. Farming to-day demands keen judgment in maintaining the balance between the production of various crops.—Ove F. Jensen.

Remains of an old stone "slave pen" or jail, may still be seen on the old country place of Michael Arthur, near Liberty in Clay County. Mr. Arthur was a pioneer settler of Clay County coming there in 1824. The brick residence built in 1833 is still in good condition.

CHEAPER ROADS BY STATE PURCHASES

That wholesale purchases of road materials by States is a method of saving taxpayer's money is demonstrated by the records of several States which have adopted a central purchasing department for all road materials. North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Delaware, Connecticut, and Indiana are among the goodroads States thus cutting out waste and centralizing their buying.

B. H. Piepmeier, State engineer for Missouri roads, estimates that centralized buying has saved "the show me" State over \$3,000,000. In addition to the saving due to low prices on large lots in wholesale quantities, the unified purchases save time, red tape, and duplication. Regarding the plan, Mr. Piepmeier says:

"It could be tried with success in other States. The plan secures steady supply of cement, speeds up delivery, and reduces the expense to the taxpayer. North Carolina has saved \$350,000 in three years in this way. The contractors are better pleased, too, on account of competition with privately operated plants. Because of the great expense in getting started, it was decided that it would be inadvisable for the State to manufacture; so the commercial plants were enlarged. In my opinion, a Government operated plant cannot be so efficiently operated as a privately owned one in which keen competition keeps the managers active all the time. A privately operated plant does not suffer from political turnovers or other such influences."

Leo Becker came in from St. Louis Tuesday morning.

Leo Becker is spending a few days in Memphis on business.

The small children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belt have the measles.

Will Long is attending the Automobile Show in St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hardwick returned Thursday morning from St. Louis.

County Agent Renner of Benton, was a visitor at The Standard office Tuesday.

Miss Clara Lindley of Cape Girardeau is spending the week-end with homefolks.

Joe Stubbs returned from St. Louis where he had been attending the Automobile Show.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield will entertain the Bridge Club at her home Saturday night, February 26.

The Woman's Club will have their regular meeting at the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, February 26. All members are urged to be present.

The D. A. R. Chapter will celebrate Washington's birthday, February 22 with a meeting for members only at the home of Mrs. Joe Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Malone, Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Malone were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed of Benton last Friday.

Night officer Noblin arrested a negro "peeper" over Frisco way on Wednesday night and Judge Lescher fined him \$25 and costs with 60 days on the work gang. The officer made a mistake in arresting the negro. He should have shot him like a mad dog, then arrested him.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Board of Directors Arkansas Cotton Growers Association To Meet

The regular Board meeting of the Directors of the Arkansas Cotton Growers which was to have been held on Tuesday, February 19, will be held on Tuesday, February 26. This postponement was due to several members of the Board being unable to attend the meeting as scheduled.

The Missouri Association will be represented by X. Caverno of Canolou, W. H. Tanner, Sikeston and J. M. Miles, Secretary of the Missouri Association at the meeting.

Association Member Makes Shipment of his Crop

One of the latest members to join the Association, Geo. A. Eby, has shipped his entire crop of 1923 cotton which was produced on his farm. His crop of eight bales off of eleven acres was ginned and shipped to the Association on February 14. His cotton ginned 34 per cent.

Association Member Benefited By Knowledge of Grade of Cotton

The benefit to the grower of cotton by shipping through the Missouri Cotton Growers Co-operative Association was demonstrated by the following letter written the Association by O. J. Butler of Charleston. The knowledge of the true grade, color and staple of his cotton is a benefit to every cotton grower. Under the old system growers have found since they joined the Association that the cotton has been under graded from one to two grades in markets where they sell in the lint.

"Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-op. Association,
"New Madrid, Mo.

"Gentlemen:

"On about January 25, 1924, I shipped one bale of cotton to the Association that was snapped cotton and of a grade that had been selling here for from sixteen to twentyfive cents. The farmer at this point has sold a great quantity of this grade of cotton in the seed at a price ranging from three and one-half cents to four cents per pound. This bale was classed at the Association by their graders and placed in pool 803.

"On February 9 I received from the Association a list of sales made since January 26, 1924. And on February 7 during that time the Association made sale of 125 bales of cotton out of pool 803 at three and one-half cents landed at Boston. This bale that I shipped was in that class and it was just an average bale of the bolly cotton that has been ginned here in the last two months.

According to the way this sale was made in the Association, cotton of this grade, has been sold at Charleston to the local buyers it represents a loss of about \$50 per bale to the farmers.

"O. J. BUTLER."

The Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

The sale of mules and farm implements of the A. J. Matthews Co., Inc., held at Minner Switch Monday and Tuesday, brought exceptionally good prices considering it was a cash sale. At the same place next Monday and Tuesday a lot of cotton farm tools and other machinery will be sold.

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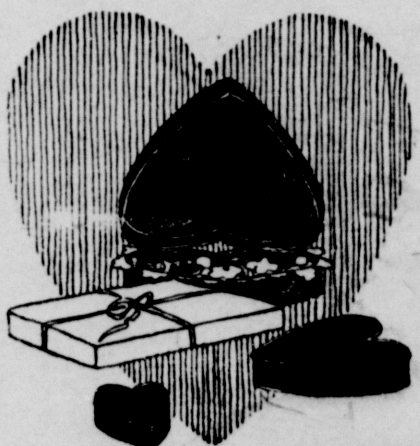
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E. J. Keith spent Thursday at Lilbourn on business. Macon County is Missouri's greatest coal producing county, although several other counties run close seconds.

FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

Judge James A. Finch is a business visitor in St. Louis this week.

The Campbell basketball team of girls came over to New Madrid last Friday and played the girls of our town, with a score of 24 to 11 in favor of Campbell. Miss Eunice Miller accompanied the Campbell team. After the game, the two teams were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. M. Miles, afterwards attending the Dixie Theatre.

Mrs. James A. Finch will be the hostess for the Women's Missionary Society, with an all day social meeting Thursday at her home on Scott street. A Washington birthday program will be rendered and quite a number of out-of-town guests are expected.

The High School Seniors accompanied by Prof. Fred R. Harrison,

Principal of the School, went to Sikeston last Thursday and visited the Ice Cream Factory and Shoe Factory. The Valentine party given by the Methodist ladies at the home of Mrs. A. T. Henry last Thursday night, was a very unique affair. The house was very appropriately decorated with cupid and hearts, the suggestions of Valentine, with the following program rendered: Readings by Masters Samuel Davis Fine and Lehman Finch, and Misses Catherine Finch and Estell Fakes and Little Misses Sue Henry Esther Shainberg. Vocal solos by Mrs. T. N. Hubbard. The remainder of the evening was spent in contests after which dainty ice cream cake and mints were served. A neat sum was realized, which was for the benefit for the Methodist Church.

There will be a County Teachers Examination held at the public school building March 7 and 8.

The County School Board will hold a convention at the Court House in New Madrid, March 5.

Sheriff and his deputies, while attending to their official duties, discovered a still in operation by Walter Bailey and D. E. Matheny near Henderson Mounds last Sunday. Several shots were fired by the officer, but the men finally surrendered, and were brought to New Madrid and placed in the County jail.

Among the many from Morehouse who attended the trial of Mrs. E. L. Hanson and Ed Taylor at the Court House last Saturday, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. E. d Taylor, Mrs. P. S. Chapman and daughter, Miss Helen, Miss Hattie Harp, Mrs. J. T. Hart, Mrs. Avery, D. L. Fisher, E. L. Crumpecker, T. G. Blackwell, E. L. Griffin, W. R. Griffin, W. M. Barnes, C. R. Masterson, O. M. Headlee nad son, Lilbourn Headlee and Harry Hunter.

M. F. Ehlers moved his family last Saturday into his property on Main street, known as the Rossiter home. The Latham property formerly occupied by them, is now occupied by Dick Barrows and family. The Gordon property, vacated by them is now occupied by George Ferguson and family.

W. E. Davis of Point Pleasant was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. H. Townsend and Mrs. Highland Schreff were shopping in Sikeston last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bock and family accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Boone motored to St. Louis, Sunday.

O. L. Morey of Bonne Terre arrived Monday as druggist for Hunter Drug Co.

Misses Ance Ogelsby and Elsie Smart entertained a number of their friends Monday evening with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching, on Scott Street. Those present were: Misses Evelyn Sutton and Hyacinth Sheppard, of Sikeston, Josephine Evans of Nevada, Willie Richardson, Lois Willit, Bobbie Mamm, Ance Ogelsby and Elsie Smart, Messrs. Chas. Hebbeler, of Sikeston; Louis Woodyard, James Henry Fields, Jake Shainberg, Harry and Thad Campbell, Willit Wright, Alfred Stepp, Morris Frankle and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching. The evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing with a number of splendid selections of music. Miss Josephine Evans rendered a piano reading, which was fully enjoyed and at the hour of 12 o'clock refreshments of sandwiches, potatoe chips, pickles and cocoa were served. All present reported a delightful evening.

Scott M. Julian with Ide P. Trotter, Cotton Specialist from the Extension Service, Columbia, left Monday afternoon for Parma, where they conducted a cotton school at that place. They are conducting a series of these cotton schools for the benefit of the farmers who are desirous of learning more about the production of cotton.

A. J. McAdams, Land Clearing Specialist, who is putting on a series of demonstrations in land clearing in Southeast Missouri, spent last week with homefolks in Columbia, Mo., returning Tuesday morning.

Jesse M. Miles transacted business in East Prairie and Charleston two days last week.

Geo. Traylor spent Monday in Charleston on legal business.

J. L. Tanner left Thursday morning for St. Louis.

Miss Stella Shields of Cairo will be the week-end guest of Mrs. Moore Greer.

Instead of shoulder straps, the Parisienne today frequently employs a pair of long, jeweled pins patterned after the ancient ornaments from Thebes. These pins are adequate, now that the neck line is getting higher.

One housewife economizes on coal by burning coke in the kitchen range. She prefers it to coal because it lights so easily, therefore requires less wood. She breaks the coke into small pieces. It makes a hot fire and she finds it especially desirable for heating the oven.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chiles and Mrs. Menda Atchley and son, Ted, motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Smith and children of Canolou and Leonard Baughn of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and daughter, Miss Ozetta, were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Mrs. Florence Woodard and brother, Roy Alsop motored to La Forge Saturday.

A shower was given at the home of Mrs. Ben Mills Tuesday complimentary to Mrs. Ella Ashworth, formerly Miss Ella Brumfield. The following are the list of gifts and their donors: Mrs. Jack Mathews of Sikeston, electric iron; Mrs. Hubert Boyer, of Sikeston, aluminum roaster; Mrs. C. H. Hite of Sikeston, double cooker; Mrs. J. W. Emory, salad bowl; Mrs. Roy Alsop and Lillith Deane, aluminum stewer; Mrs. O. K. Mainord, apron; Mrs. Malcolm Ratcliff, pillow cases; Mrs. John Harper, of Sikeston, two salad bowls; Miss Elsie Leply of Sikeston, bath towel; Mrs. Mayme Rice, table linen; Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, embroidered pillow cases; Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane, aluminum perculator; Mrs. Clarence Critchlow, three aluminum cake pans and stewer; Mrs. Fred Story, Mrs. Leon Swartz and Mrs. Frank Sibley, aluminum kettle; Mrs. Horace Weatherford of Sikeston, luncheon cloth; Mrs. J. D. Fakes of New Madrid, salad bowl; Mrs. T. Holderby, of New Madrid, salad bowl and egg turner; Mrs. R. H. Weeks, recipe cabinet; Mrs. Loy Roberts, aluminum pitcher. Dainty refreshments were served.

A surprise birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts, Monday evening, in honor of the former's birthday. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll of Sikeston. The evening was spent in playing rook. At a very late hour, a three-course luncheon was served.

Prof. and Mrs. R. H. Weeks entertained the Freshman and Sophomore Classes with a Valentine party Thursday evening. As the guests came in, Delaware punch was served, Miss Dorothy Waters presiding at the punch bowl, dressed in white, decorated with red hearts, representing a Valentine. The evening was spent in playing rook and dancing, after which an elegant three-course luncheon was served. The guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jones, of Pharris Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts and Miss Mabel Mecklem of New Madrid. The guests departed at a very late hour declaring a most delightful evening spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Chaffee spent the week-end with relatives in Matthews.

Mesdames G. D. Steele and Albert Deane and Miss Floe King attended the show at Sikeston Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz motored to Sikeston Saturday evening and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll.

The Standard \$1.50 per year.

Geo. Nichols, sent to the Burlington Monday, makes the fourth student of the Telegraph Dept. of the Telegraph Dept. of the Chillicothe Business College to be placed with the Alliance Division in Nebraska this month.

A roster of Pettis County's soldiers of the World War, as well as important papers and relics of many kinds, were inclosed in two copper boxes and sealed in the cornerstone of Sedalia's new \$350,000 court house. Impressive ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone were recently held.

Nestling in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, surrounded by the historic spots so well perpetuated in the 'Shepherd of the Hills' is the picturesque little town of Reed's Spring. It is so named because of the huge gushing springs that smile a pathway here and there through the town. The scenic White River branch of the Missouri Pacific railway speedily brings one to this sylvan retreat.

The protection of the head waters of Missouri's navigable streams is of great importance and since these watersheds are in great danger thru the wholesale destruction of the state's forests, the question of reforestation becomes a vital one. Under the Week's law, Missouri as well as other states may have the advantages of reforestation projects at no cost to the state whatever. The State legislation needs only to pass an enabling act, permitting the federal government to acquire such land for reforestation projects.

PLANTS GROW QUICKLY AFTER ETHER SPREES

No longer will useful plants be allowed to sleep out their long winter sleep if a discovery just announced by Prof. David Lumsden of the federal horticultural board becomes the common property of nurserymen, amateur and producing flowers or fruit for the farmers. For he has found that if given a "shot of dope" either by the inhalation or hypodermic method, they may be awakened as if by an alarm clock and set to their work of growing and producing flowers or fruit for the pleasure or profit of man.

The drug used in his experiments was the common ether of the hospital operating room, but instead of putting his plant subjects to sleep it woke them up. They liked it and seemed to thrive after just one treatment. For example, some plants were taken from outdoors in midwinter when they had to be dug from the frozen ground with picks, were given an overnight ether debauch and, the next morning, shoots of an average length of one-eighth of an inch had sprouted. Kept indoors they continued to grow and flowers were produced weeks in advance of the usual blooming season.

Roses were taken from the frozen ground and given a hypodermic injection of the same drug. Not only did they sprout and grow but, more important still to the indoor gardener, they were immune to all the ordinary plant diseases that make indoor rose culture a practical impossibility except in large greenhouses. Professor Lumsden has had roses in February, just six weeks from the time the plant was given its stimulating injection.

Only a very small quantity of ether is needed. In the inhalation method the plants are put in an airtight chamber containing 27 cubic feet of space. Five cubic centimeters of ether, or about a tablespoonful, are then introduced and the chamber sealed. Only about twelve hours' exposure to the fumes is needed and then the little plants are wide awake and growing.

In the hypodermic method, Professor Lumsden made use of that sometimes formidable weapon, a woman's hat pin. With this a puncture about a quarter of an inch deep was made at the base of the stem of the plant where it joins the root. Then an ordinary hypodermic needle was introduced and half of one cubic centimeter of ether injected. This is the method which was generally used with wood plants such as roses or lilacs.

One of the important applications of this whole process, according to Professor Lumsden, is that using either method of drugging the plant, every single latent bud or shoot is brought to life. That is not Nature's way, as usually only one of three or four ever grows. This may mean much in the culture of plants such as dahlias or potatoes which are grown from tubers. If every latent bud on these tubers could be made to grow they could be cut into smaller pieces, and expense of seed saved. What is more, Dr. Lumsden believes that the plants would be more vigorous.

For he is working now to see if these ether treatments, especially the hypodermic sort, do not impart a lasting vigor to the plant, enabling it to resist disease. His experiments with roses strongly indicate this. If they are confirmed, ether "shots" will, with plants, take the place of the various forms of vaccinations to which the would-be healthy human is now subjected.

There is a mystery in this whole affair which science may some day solve, but of which it now knows little. Ether temporarily stimulates and then profoundly depresses all animal life. With pant life in moderate doses it is apparently all stimulation with no depression and no injurious after effects, but instead a lifelong increase in strength and endurance. If science can learn why this is so, much light will be thrown, Professor Lumsden says, upon the secrets of physiological growth.

It is not generally known that silver is produced annually in small commercial quantities in Missouri, through the refining of lead and other heavy ores.

Arsenal Island, St. Louis County, is one of the noteworthy bird-haunts and natural beauty spots of the regions around St. Louis. Here the August roosts of the purple martin colonies and crow rookeries, make the island one of unusual interest for nature students.

An important item in industrial advancement for southern Missouri is the establishment of a \$500,000 packing plant at Springfield. More than half a million hogs were shipped last year from Greene and surrounding counties, which demonstrates the local supply for such a plant as the new one will be.

RED HOT ROMANCE FOR FAVORED STAR

The next Wednesday's photoplay coming to the Malone Theatre is promised to be a real treat, according to advance announcements of the picture, "A Wife's Romance" is the title and its principal role is played by such a well-tried artist as Clara Kimball Young. This fact alone assures an evening of the keenest enjoyment.

Miss Young has proven long ago that she can be depended upon to give a living portrayal if the role is suitable to her special talents. However, "A Wife's Romance" is taken from the well known novel 'La Rubia' by H. W. Roberts and this is just the kind of thing Miss Young does best of all. Her role is that of the American woman of high strung, emotional temperament who is denied the love for which her whole being hungers. Finally she finds a measure of excitement and romance if not real love in the person of Ramon, the delightful bandit of Spain.

The resulting escapades of the lovers so strangely matched forms a story which in color and romance can only find an equal in Spain itself.

"A Wife's Romance" is under the direction of Thomas Heffron. The adaptation of the novel for the screen was completed by Frank Beresford. Art direction by Joseph C. Wright and it was photographed by Charles Richardson. "A Wife's Romance" is a Harry Garson production distributed by Metro Pictures Corporation.

When cooking string beans add a little chopped parsley tied in a small bag. You will like the improved flavor.

Two or three women in the Savoy ballroom in London have followed the lead of an Italian Countess and had their hair treated with a phosphorescent lotion. When the ballroom lights are dimmed, the hair appears as a silvery green luminous mass.

Do not waste cake when it becomes stale. Cut in thin slices and lay them flat on a pie plate. On each one drop a tablespoonful of meringue. Place in the oven until the meringue is slightly browned. This freshens the cake and makes a delicious little fancy dessert.



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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL EMPIRE

By Roy Godsey

Stoddard County, Missouri, according to official data, is one of the leading poultry producing counties in the entire Mississippi Valley.

Stoddard County, along with Scott, Cape Girardeau and Butler Counties, embraces that section of the district where the flat lands of the east meet the Ozarks on the west.

This section is adapted to fruit growing. The fruit acreage is not extensive, but both old and young orchards prove that conditions favor fruit production.

There is very little fruit grown on the flat lands in Southeast Missouri. Some few orchards have been planted when the first drainage ditches were constructed, and in all cases where proper care has been given the trees have made a thrifty growth and made satisfactory yields.

Southeast Missouri is one of the leading melon producing regions of the United States. In certain sections of Dunklin, Scott and Mississippi counties, the growing of melons has been one of the chief industries.

Nothing better indicates the progressiveness of the Southeast Missouri people than the fact that every county in the district has a farm bureau organization, and employs a county agent. The State College of Agriculture, at Columbia, Missouri, has co-operated with the district by establishing local experiment fields through their Extension Service. The Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, at Cape Girardeau, has a strong agricultural department well equipped to prepare teachers for teaching agriculture in the rural schools and high schools.

The people of Southeast Missouri are just folks, but communities have characteristics much as individuals have their individual attributes. The spirit of Southeast Missouri is perhaps its greatest asset. It cannot be described, but one can see and describe causes which have led to an unusual degree of co-operative community action.

In the first place, the section is largely new. The tasks of land and farm development have been the tasks of the pioneer. During the past ten to twenty years a pioneer enter-

prise has been accomplished which had required a century of an earlier day in the comparable timbered areas of Ohio or Indiana. Therefore, it may justly be claimed that Southeast Missourians possess the Pioneer Spirit.

Furthermore, the problems of drainage construction and levee protection have been problems of large significance, not to be worked out on the basis of individual interests. On the contrary, they have required broad vision and bold co-operative action. Difficulties overcome and dreams realized by arduous and united action on the part of many, bring to all those who have worked and succeeded together a justifiable consciousness and pride in their accomplishments.

Natural conditions have forced this unity of action, giving good training to Southeast Missourians in the gentle art of cooperation. They have come to like it. This training has borne fruit in the handling of their road building program.

The fact is that Southeast Missouri is seriously taking on the job of making a fine "homing country" as well as a fine farming country. The building of good roads is, therefore, a necessity.

The business of Southeast Missourians for the past score of years has not been mainly farming—it has been the manufacturing of farm land. It has been said there must be something wrong with Southeast Missouri because there is in it so much land for sale. If it were as good as claimed, no one would want to sell. One might just as well say if the Packard automobile were as good as advertised, the company would want to keep them all. It has been the business of Southeast Missourians to manufacture farm land instead of automobiles. They have manufactured more than they can farm. Naturally, some of it is for sale.

The progressiveness of Southeast Missourians is particularly exemplified in the organization known as the "Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau".

This organization is composed of about 1200 of the leading business men and farmers of the eight counties, who have united for the purpose of advertising the great agricultural resources of Southeast Missouri to farmers in less favored regions, and to promote the proper sort of im-

migration to Southeast Missouri.

This organization is unique in character, and during its period of operation of a little more than four years, it has of its credit a long string of accomplishments.

The Bureau maintains headquarters in Union State, St. Louis, and has in connection with the office an educational and comprehensive exhibit of the agricultural products of Southeast Missouri.

It required vision and no small amount of initiative on the part of the men who promoted this organization and caused it to be brought into existence.

This district is the only part of rural Missouri that has had a continuous increase in rural population during the past twenty years. An increase of 30 per cent in population during the past two years is indicated in a number of the counties.

Due to the large amount of excellent farming lands which have been reclaimed by drainage, there was no reason to expect that there would be any decline in the rural immigration to Southeast Missouri for a long time to come. But the leading citizens of this section were not satisfied to wait for this immigration, as it would have come in the ordinary way. They desired to encourage it and hasten the process. In this way they felt that the development that would be made in Southeast Missouri during the next twenty-five years could be made in a much shorter period. Consequently, the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau was formed. Agricultural exhibits were maintained and a large advertising program promoted.

In the spring of 1921, the preliminary organization was started. There was a desire on the part of the leaders of organization to install an exhibit of the agricultural products of Southeast Missouri in St. Louis, somewhere near Union Station. A committee was appointed to look into the possibilities of this exhibit. This committee made several trips to St. Louis and made a thorough study of locations where such an exhibit could be installed to reach the most people.

It was during these visits that the committee learned of the vacancy of the old bar-room in Union Station. This space was secured and leased for a number of years.

It was through the spontaneous effort of many of the leading citizens throughout the Southeast Missouri district that a membership campaign was put on and a program of work outlined for a period of five years.

No outside solicitors or expert salesmen were employed to get the members. It was all done by home talent and through local interest in the proposition.

When the membership campaign was over about \$150,000 was subscribed to be spent in five annual installments, allowing about \$30,000 a year for the support of the organization.

Sixteen directors, two from each county, manage the affairs of the bureau. One of these directors is chosen by the County Farm Bureau Executive Committee from its members. The other is elected by the sustaining members of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau living in each county. This virtually makes every member of each of the county farm bureaus a member of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

The organization is financed by

three distinct classes of memberships. First, the land-owner member, who pays five cents an acre a year on all the land that he owns. Second, banks and corporations pay \$1.00 per year on each one thousand dollars capital stock. Third, individual members, such as doctors and lawyers, who do not own land, pay a minimum fee of \$5.00 a year.

The exhibit in Union Station is a part of the advertising campaign. Since it was opened, a little more than two years ago, the exhibit has entertained nearly 200,000 visitors. Advertisements have been run regularly in a goodly number of farm papers and newspapers throughout the country. These have brought into the Bureau Office a stream of mail inquiries, all of which have been answered and followed up by letters and attractive literature.

A number of exhibits of Southeast Missouri's agricultural products are installed each year at various state fairs and expositions.

More than a quarter of a million pieces of printed matter, telling about Southeast Missouri, have been distributed by the Bureau. The Bureau advertised throughout the south in 1922 the merits of Southeast Missouri as a cotton producing section. As a result of this about 20,000 people moved into Southeast Missouri during the later part of 1922 and the year 1923. It required over 3,000 new farm houses to take care of this added population.

Of course, not all of the land farmer by these newcomers was planted to cotton, but the excellent cotton growing conditions of Southeast Missouri were the chief attraction to these southerners who are coming in from the devastated boll weevil sections of the south.

Development in Southeast Missouri has been extremely interesting and adventurous. In a remarkably short time through the leadership and vision of her own men, Southeast Missouri, without government aid, has been transformed from a swamp of useless waste to a fertile farm land. It is a valley as rich as the Nile Valley, and destined to become as famous.

It still has the allurements of a new country and the conveniences of an old country. It has possibilities of crop diversity unique in American Agriculture.

It is where the North and the South overlap, and it comes very near living up to the slogan which has no appropriately been adopted by it, namely, "Where Everything Grows".

Postmaster Examinations

Washington, February 17.—Civil service examinations will be held for postmasters of the third class on March 15 at East Prairie, Irondale, Matthews, Mountain View and Van Buren, Mo., and at Barry, Evansville, Hume, McLean, Rankin, Valley, Valer, Virginia and Waterman, Ill. On the same date examinations will be held for competitors for any office at De Soto, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston and Willow Springs, Mo., and at Aurora, Bloomington, Cairo, Christopher, Hoopeston, Jacksonville, Pittsfield, Sparta and Tuscola, Ill.

Miss Annie Furuhjelm, leading Finnish suffragette member of the Rikstag, is making a determined fight for the repeal of the dry law in that country.

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NATION-WIDE PROFITEERING IN BREAD, REPORT CHARGES

Washington, February 19.—A report, charging nation-wide profiteering in bread and that creation of a "colossal bread trust is impending", was submitted today by Baiisl M. Manly, director of the People's Legislative Service, to Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, its chairman, and "other progressive Senators and Representatives".

The report recommended congressional action to "deflate bread prices and check the growth of the bread trust."

An investigation of wheat and bread prices showed, it was said that the American people are paying "a million dollars a day" too much for their bread. The average retail price of bread in the United States is 9 cents a pound, whereas on its basis of present wheat prices it should be 5 cents, the report said, adding that bread made with American flour is now selling in England at an average price of 4 cents a pound.

Asserting millers, bakers and retailers were all making "enormous" profits, the report cited as an example the General Baking Co., described as one of the two largest wholesale baking corporations in the country. As a result of the profits made by this company, it was said, "one dollar invested in its common stock in 1916 is now worth \$309."

Alleged "retailers' rings," said to be supported by the wholesale bakers either voluntarily or under threat of boycott, were declared to have suspended the law of supply and demand resulting in artificial bread prices in many cities.

Seeds and Feeds

The price paid by Missouri farmers for clover seed reflects the decreased acreage in clover last year and the unfavorable fall for harvesting seed, as shown in a late report issued by E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes, of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The January price of \$14 per bushel is 24 per cent above January, 1923, and 27 per cent higher than two years ago.

Timothy seed is up from last year 27 per cent and is 44 per cent above January, 1922.

Alfalfa seed, cowpeas and soybeans are also higher than a year ago.

Bran prices are higher than last year, following corn prices upward rather than wheat and flour downward.

Corn chops follow closely the course of corn prices and are 11 per cent above those of January, 1923.

Scotland is coming bravely into its own these days. One of the fascinating new turbans is nothing more nor less than a length of gay Scotch tartan in silk gathered into a big knot over the right ear.

In response to a question asked by Henry O. Martin of Alexandria, Virginia, the Missouri State Board of Agriculture has secured the following statement from Professor T. J. Talbert of the Missouri College of Agriculture concerning one of our native wild grapes: "The Muscadine Grape (*Vitis Rotundifolia*) is native to Southeast Missouri. It may be found growing wild in the woods of this part of the state. It has been found near Campbell, New Madrid and other towns in Southeast Missouri".

TWO ELOPMENTS OF STUDENTS DISCLOSED

Streets were slippery with an icy coating January 3, and the mercury was slipping toward zero, but this did not deter four young persons from slipping from their classrooms at Washington University and over to Greenville, Ill., and there slipping from the carefree students' lot into matrimony.

Louise and Margaret Bower, sisters, 22 and 20 years old, respectively, freshmen at Washington. Their home was in Ava, Ill., and they were staying with friends in Webster Groves while attending school. They had been "rushed" by the "Ph Phis," which sorority, according to campus gossip, "picked 'em along Ziegfeldian lines".

Gilbert Hyatt, 22-year-old senior, also lived in Illinois. He had known the Bower sisters before they entered Washington and he renewed the acquaintanceship when they appeared on the campus. Through Hyatt, Margaret met Perry Selby, 20, a sophomore in the Arts and Science Department, living with his parents at 6335 Waterman avenue.

On the return from the drive to Greenville, Margaret was Mrs. Perry Selby, and Louise had changed her name to Hyatt. The quartet returned to their respective classes next day. They disclosed their secret to no one and might still be going the rounds of classes and "hops" if the burden of marital responsibility had not led Perry Selby to appear "nervous" at home.

A week ago he was subjected to a parental "third degree" and confessed, involving the others. The young wives left school, Margaret received the blessing of Perry's parents and was admitted to the home.

Mrs. Hyatt has gone back to Ava, Ill., and will be joined by her husband following his graduation. Hyatt said today that "everything was lovely" and that the four principals and their families were happy. Selby also will finish this year's college work. After that, however, he will have to assume the responsibilities, the thought of which led to the revelation of the secret.—Post-Dispatch.

The Standard extends congratulations to the two couples, as the brides are well known in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri.

Though she is past 76 years of age, Mrs. Joseph J. Tibbitts is active in the councils of the Yakima, Wash. Camp Fire Girls.

Men's wear striped silks make up into smart frocks, that are in demand from Southern tourists. They are made up along the simplest lines, just a deep hem at the bottom and five or six buttons up the front side in the hem. Short sleeves, a V-neck, buttons down front, a monogram below these and a sash are other interesting features of these new frocks.

What do you know about the industries in your own town? The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce has a plan of visiting some local industry or business concern each week after the noon-day luncheon and they find the plan both interesting and profitable. It helps to encourage and develop already existing industries and gives civic leaders an opportunity of knowing what is needed in the way of new industries.

In Memoriam

Our whole community grieves with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Thacker in the loss of their child, Joseph Daniel, born March 4, 1919.

The Heavenly Father called unto himself the spirit of this handsome lovable, little boy on Saturday, February 16, 1924. This being the first break in the family circle. The friends, both old and young, who knew "Little Joe" loved him for his happy personality and will cherish the memory of a sturdy little pink cheeked boy who always smiling by returned everyone's greeting. Rev. Wright of the Trinity Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Walker, of the Baptist Church, conducted the services Sunday afternoon, February 17. At the conclusion of the service at the Methodist church, the funeral proceeded to the Morley cemetery, where, after a prayer service, the body was interred. Four young men, classmates of the older brother, Horace, acted as pall bearers. Besides the parents, there are two sisters and two brothers, Horace, Opal, Carl and Alma.

He is laid away, and sacred memory will cluster round him till his face we see until in robes of Angles purest white with harps swept by his little fingers blest, his smile will banish all the gloom of night and call us to the Fathers endless rest. Upon the shores of brighter endless day. He stands, he smiles and waves his hand and after we have cut lives weary way, will greet our baby in that better land.—A Friend.

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SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Cotton For All

Mr. Farmer, please make an effort to get all your tenants and employees to attend the Cotton Production Meeting, which will be held by I. P. Trotter, Cotton Production Specialist, University of Missouri. This meeting will be held Wednesday, February 27th, at 8:30 p. m. in the Malone Theatre at Sikeston. The picture will be over at that time so the entire house will be turned over to the farmers of Scott County. Think of the problems which have been bothering you. They will be answered in the talk as given by Mr. Trotter.

Nursing Course

The Home Care of the Sick Meeting held by Miss Stephens, representative of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Missouri, at Benton, Saturday, February 16, was a great success. Miss Stebbins served as a trained nurse in the World War, likewise, she has had a lot of experience in the leading hospitals in the United States. In her talk she outlined some of the disease carrying agencies, which we come in contact with each day. She also explained how these objectionable features could be overcome. There will be two schools, one at Commerce and one at Benton in order to train the ladies of Scott County, how to care for a sick patient. First aid treatment will also be discussed in these matters. Six ladies, two from three com-

munities will receive the instructions, and in return they will instruct six additional ladies. The ladies will meet once a month and receive their training. Immediately following, they will call their class together and pass on this information.

Some time during July a county-wide meeting will be held in which all parties interested in this work will meet and discuss the work as accomplished. The ladies of the Benton Community, who are going to act as instructors are: Mesdames L. A. Schott, J. W. Hunter, O. L. Spencer, H. D. Rodgers, R. G. Allen and Fred Farris. Commerce will be represented by Mesdames Joe Ellis, P. J. Greer, Edward Mason, P. B. Held, Misses Alma Koch and Julia Ancell.

Minner Activities

"If anything is worth doing, it is worth doing well" said J. J. Reiss in his opening remarks to a group of farmers of the Minner District. We know we are going to live on the farm so why not make the working condition more agreeable and profitable to ourselves and our neighbors. This can be done by having a program of work for our Community with definite plans and goals to be reached this fall.

Sikeston is on the boom and many new people are moving each day. These people must be fed, so Minner Community is going to do her part toward this support. Paul Buchholz is going to be in charge of the Poultry work in that section, his idea is: "Make the district white", by the use of White Leghorns. At present there are three flocks of these chickens in that territory and by fall they want to have at least two more.

Sound fruit is one of the best appetizers we have. By spraying and pruning the trees, as good fruit can be grown in Scott County as well as in California. J. J. Reiss is going to keep his orchard in first class condition, hoping to get good fruit, likewise influence his neighbors to prune and spray their home orchards.

Mrs. D. D. Warren is going to look after the health of the Community, trying at all times to influence people to use modern methods of sanitation around their homes and farms.

"Minner must win", said J. A. Roth, when asked about an exhibit for the Sikeston Fair. "Everything will grow out here, so you can count

on our Community making a good display of products at the Fair."

The subject of co-operative marketing was discussed, three members were present and each was highly pleased with the results obtained this year. A Committee was appointed to explain the working principles of the Association to their new neighbors and try to get new members for this organization.

The meeting was arranged by County Agent, A. J. Renner and was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul. C. C. Hearne, County Agent Leader for Missouri, was present and explained the working principles of the Extension Service.

The following people were present: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reiss and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roth, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Warren, John Whitten.

Do You Ever Give Away Cotton?

How does that question strike you, Mr. Cotton Planter? Perhaps you think it is just "Foolish Question No. 1001". But things are not always what they seem. That question may come a whole lot closer home to you than you think now.

What would you think of a farmer who went to the trouble and expense of raising two whole bales of cotton and then at the end of the year had to pay some man \$3.05 to take them off his hands? You think of course, that no farmer would do so foolish a thing as that. Well, perhaps he wouldn't actually take two bales of cotton he had worked hard for and spent lots of money to produce and give them away with a \$3.05 bonus to the man who would take them. We guess not.

But do you know that the average cotton farmer of the United States has done the equivalent of just exactly that once every four or five years since 1900. Do you believe that? Well, believe it or not the U. S. Government figures prove it.

The important question to consider now though, is how to keep from doing that same thing over in the next five years or so. This is one of the questions vital to the cotton industry, which will be discussed at the Cotton Schools to be held by Ide P. Trotter, Extension Cotton Specialist, of the University of Missouri. These schools will be held at the following

places on dates mentioned. Mark them with a red pencil on the calendar and don't be late. It is just the kind of information you have been looking for, so bring your whole family.

Kelso—February 26, 7:30 p. m., Dannenmueller's.
Fornfelt—February 26, 2:00 p. m., City Hall.

Commerce—February 27, 2:00 p. m., City Hall.

Belda—February 27, 7:30 p. m., School House.

Blodgett—February 28, 7:30 p. m., School House.

Chaffee—February 29, 7:00 p. m., City Hall.

Benton—February 29, 2:00 p. m., Court House.

"Bleda farmers may think they can take the honors at the Fairs, but Diebold will be there when the ribbons are tied", said W. J. Menz at a Community Meeting held at the Emil Dohogne home last Tuesday.

A group of influential farmers met and decided upon a program of work for this Community, hoping to build up the Community Activities, both socially and economically. Projects were taken up, one by one discussed, then a leader was chosen.

Time is essential to grow a good crop of clover so Andy Heisserer is endeavoring to pool orders for two hundred tons of agricultural lime, which will be rdered and distributed this spring.

Emil Dohogne has a very interesting experiment on his farm at the present time, he has used acid phosphate on wheat, this will be followed by clover. The clover should be much ranker and produce from one-half to one ton more per acre on fertilized ground than on non-fertilized soil.

"Trice cotton for me," said Louis Dohogne, after C. C. Hearne, State Extension worker had explained the differences between long and short staple cotton, methods of production, etc. to the group of Diebold farmers.

"I will conduct a demonstration with purebred Trice cotton seed and acid phosphate, with the hopes of getting five of my neighbors to use the same next year."

"An apple a day will keep the doctor away", said N. J. Menz, who will be in charge of all orchard work in that community. So if you live in that section, see him about your orchard problems.

"A penny saved is a penny made". Acid phosphate for cotton, it will make it mature quicker, set more bolls and increase the percentage of open cotton on the first picking. John Dohogne is going to pool orders for this fertilizer and get a carload to be delivered at Ancell.

Sometime within the near future a big Community Meeting will be held at the school, and at that time plans will be outlined for the entire year. County Agent Renner will be present and have a good "Cotton Production" motion picture.

Winter Sprays Kill Scale

Dormant sprays applied to Scott County orchards within the next few weeks are the only means of defense against widespread infestation by San Jose Scale, which can be applied in Scott County.

In the fall of 1922 the orchard survey included inspections of some 5540 acres of orchards of which 3, 122 acres or 56 per cent showed scale infestation. Most of this acreage, as a result of the scale control campaign, was given the dormant spray the following fall, winter or early spring. In the fall of 1923 most of this same acreage was again inspected and though 105 acres of previously uninfested orchards had become slightly infested during the year it was found that 550 acres of the badly infested orchards had been actually cleaned of scale. During the present dormant season the growers will clean up a much larger acreage.

The scale can be controlled successfully only by applying a strong scale spray while the trees are dormant. For this reason all growers whose orchards are infested with scale should spray thoroughly before the buds open in spring. Either liquid lime-sulphur or oil emulsions properly prepared and thoroughly applied will control the pest.

A leaflet covering the subject of dormant spraying has just been issued by the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, and may be obtained from your Farm Bureau office.

Poultry Culling

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Burke, of Benton, were assisted by Wm. Kraft and the County Agent in culling their flock of Rhode Island Reds. Mrs. Burke intends to get purebred roosters and also to remodel her poultry house.

With the proper care and management, the farmers of Scott County can increase their profits wonderfully, by giving more time and attention to the farm flock. Use chickens

of an egg producing strain, house well and feed liberally, the profits will surely be shown.

The County Agent assisted Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pobst of the Bleda neighborhood, in culling their farm flock of Barred Rocks. One hundred and one were saved and sixty-three sent to market.

On Friday, February 15, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hopper of Sikeston, were assisted by the County Agent in culling their flock. About forty were sent to market. Eighty-four were retained, these hens came up to the standard of economical egg producers.

The Underwood typewriter speed champion gave a special test at the office of the Scott County Milling Co. Wednesday.

A bronze figure, ten feet high, representing the goddess of harvest, Ceres, is to be placed at the top of the dome of the State Capitol in Jefferson City. The plans for the impressive statue have been approved by the Commission and the huge bronze figure will probably be in place by next September. Two other magnificent bronze statues, a male figure representing the Mississippi river, and a female figure representing the Missouri, will be placed on each side of the main entrance to the Capitol. Beautiful paintings to decorate the east wing galleries on the second floor are now being painted in London.

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FRANK A. DENTON, Executor.

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